

Christmas Eve

Congregational responses are in ***bold italic*** type.

“*” Indicates where you are invited to stand as you are able.

-The service begins with a choral music prelude. See the end of this worship guide for a full list of choral selections-

***Christmas Proclamation** *(please stand at the sound of the bell)*

***Processional Hymn**

“O come all ye faithful”

Hymnal 83 (Grace Church, 6 p.m.)

“O little town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal 79 (St. Martin’s, 8 p.m.)

***Opening Acclamation**

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria in Excelsis**

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***Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray...

The celebrant says the Collect. At the conclusion, all respond with “Amen”.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

Thanks be to God

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.*

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-20

At the conclusion of the reading:
Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
Thanks be to God

*Sequence Hymn

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come"
"Love came down at Christmas"

Hymn 100 (Grace Church, 6 p.m.)
Hymn 84 (St. Martin's, 8 p.m.)

*Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Prior to the reading:
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to your, Lord Christ
After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Kyle Cuperwich

*The Nicene Creed

from *Book of Common Prayer 1979*

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**

After each petition ends in "Lord, in your mercy", all respond with "*hear our prayer.*"

***The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you
Please exchange gestures of peace with those around you.

Announcements

-Instructions will be given at this time regarding Holy Communion-

Offertory

The table is now prepared for the Eucharist.

Offertory Anthem (Grace Church, 6 p.m.)

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Mark Lowry/Buddy Greene

Doxology (Grace Church)

Hymnal 380 (v.3)

Offertory Hymn (St. Martin's, 8 p.m.)

"Hark! The herald angel sing"

Hymnal 87

**Once the table is prepared, all stand the following is said:*

Blessed are you O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer. Fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, it will become for us the Bread of Life.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands, it will become for us the Drink of Life.

Blessed be God forever.

***The Eucharist**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give him thanks and praise

In this portion of the prayer, the Celebrant gives thanks to God the Father, for God's work in creation and revelation to God's people. Then follows the Sanctus, an angelic song of praise to God:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

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Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation kneels or continues to stand. The Celebrant now offers praise to God for God's work of salvation in the world through Jesus Christ. This act of praise recalls the events of Jesus' final meal with his disciples. It was at this meal where Jesus took the bread and the cup, blessed them as his Body and Blood, and gave them to his disciples. Then follows:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant then calls for the Holy Spirit to be sent upon the gifts so "they may be Body and Blood of Christ," upon us gathered here, and upon the whole earth to bring all things into God's new creation. The Eucharistic prayer then concludes with the final doxology, all responding with AMEN.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

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.

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.

***The Breaking of the Bread**

The Celebrant breaks the bread, followed by a period of silence. Then, the following is sung (at Grace Church):

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or said (at St. Martin's)

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

***The Invitation**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please come forward to the altar to receive the Sacrament. If you do not wish to receive, simply cross your arms and the priest will offer a blessing. Additionally, you may pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below:

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

(From Saint Augustine's Prayer Book, rev 2014., based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

Communion Hymn (Grace Church, 6 p.m.)

"What Child is this?"

Hymn 115

Communion Anthem (St. Martin's, 8 p.m.)

"It came upon a midnight clear"

Hymnal 89

***Post-Communion Prayer**

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.

***Hymn**

“Silent Night”

Hymnal 111

***Blessing**

The priest offers a blessing.

***Recessional Hymn**

“Angels we have heard on high”

Hymn 96

***Dismissal**

The deacon or priest offers the following dismissal:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Thank you for joining us today! You can join us every Sunday.
9 a.m. at Grace Church, Pemberton
10:30 a.m. at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Lumberton*

Christmas Choral Prelude at Grace Church (5:30 p.m.)

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming - Michael Praetorius
Coventry Carol- 16th Century English, arr. Walter L. Pelz
Baby, What You Goin' To Be? - Natalie Sleeth
The Wexford Carol - arr. Howard Helvey Ave Maria
The Star Carol - Alfred Burt

Christmas Carol Prelude at St. Martin's

Numbers indicate location in Hymnal 1982

Away in a Manger (101)

Good Christians Rejoice (107)

What Child is This (115)

Watchman tell us of the night (640)

God rest ye merry gentlemen (105)

Joy to the World (100)

Unto us a boy is born (98)

While Shepherds watched their flocks by night (94)

Go tell it on the mountain (99)

Once in Royal David's City (102)