

# Christmas Eve

## *Evening Prayer*

December 24, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York



## Prelude

*As you enjoy the prelude, you are invited to dim your lights as we prepare to welcome the light of Christ. You may also wish to have a candle to light together later in this service.*

Thank you to our musicians and singers!

Please see closing pages for a complete list of participants.

*“O come, O come, Emmanuel”*

*St. James’ Church, Skaneateles*

*“O come, all ye faithful” sung in Dinka*

*Diändit Chapel, East Syracuse*

*“And the glory of the Lord” from Handel’s Messiah*

*St. John’s Church, Ithaca*

## Welcome

*The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe*

## An Order of Worship for the Evening

*Bishop* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Bishop* It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

*Bishop* 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.**

*As the bishop lights the Christ Candle (center candle) on her Advent wreath, you are invited to light a candle at home.*

## O Gracious Light

O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Lessons

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 62:6-12*

A Reading from 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."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## A Song of True Motherhood

*Canticle R, Enriching Our Worship*

*Julian of Norwich*

*Music: Élise, CHS*

God chose to be our mother in all things,  
and so made the foundation of this work,  
most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.  
God, the perfect wisdom of all,  
arrayed the Godhead in this humble place.  
Christ came in our poor flesh  
to share a mother's care.  
Our mothers bear us for pain and for death;  
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.  
Christ carried us within him in love and travail,  
until the full time of the passion.  
And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy,  
still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.  
All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God,  
for the love of Christ works in us;  
Christ is the one whom we love.

## The Second Reading

*Titus 3:4-7*

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter to Titus.

But 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*"Away in the manger"*

*The Hymnal 1982 #101*

*See music on the following page.*

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 \* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Copyright © by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## The Third Reading

*Luke 2:1-20*

*read by children and youth of the Diocese of Central New York*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

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 now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all 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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*“Joy to the world!”*

*The Hymnal 1982 #100 verses 1, 2, and 4*

*Sung by the Virtual Choir of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York*

*See music on the following page.*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## The Sermon

*Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe*

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Bishop*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Bishop*      Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

## Suffrages

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

### A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

### A Prayer for Mission

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayers and Thanksgivings

*Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings in the Zoom chat or Facebook comments.*

We pray for those who suffer with COVID-19, and for the nurses, doctors, medical personnel, and all who care for them.

We pray for the will and the wisdom to address institutional racism and economic injustice.

We pray for those who serve in our military, and for all essential workers, police officers, firefighters, and emergency responders.

We pray for those who are away from their loved ones this night, and for those who are alone.

We pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

## The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Bishop* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Bishop* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*“Silent night”*

*The Hymnal 1982 #111*

*See music on the following page.*

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. born! birth. Sleep Christ, Je - sus, Lord, in the Sa - vior, at thy hea - ven - ly peace. born! birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)  
 Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

## The Dismissal

*Bishop* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Thank you to our musicians and singers!

Please see closing pages for a complete list of participants.

*“Hark, the herald angels sing”*

*The Hymnal 1982 #87*

*St. James’ Episcopal Church, Skaneateles*

*“Silent night”*

*The Hymnal 1982 #111*

*St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Liverpool*

*“Good Christian friends, rejoice”*

*The Hymnal 1982 #107*

*St. James’ Episcopal Church, Clinton*

*“It came upon a midnight clear”*

*The Hymnal 1982 #89*

*St. John’s Episcopal Church, Ithaca*

## Thank you to all who participated in the service!

Officiant	The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe <i>The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York</i>
Clergy	The Rev. Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent <i>The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York</i>
Zoom “Responder”	Eric Laine, <i>St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Chenango Bridge</i>
Lectors	Alex Morales, <i>Trinity Episcopal Church, Lowville</i> Michael Hardin, <i>Trinity Episcopal Church, Watertown</i>

### Youth Lectors (listed alphabetically by last name)

Lambros & Molly, *St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Liverpool*  
Emma Jane, Lizzie, & Maddie, *St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Albany*  
Chase, *Grace Episcopal Church, Elmira*  
Caden, *St. James’ Episcopal Church, Clinton*  
Batleen, *St. James’ Episcopal Church, Clinton*  
Zachary, *St. John’s Episcopal Church, Oneida*  
Layla, Arabella, & Jayce, *St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Chenango Bridge*  
Dawson, Reegan, Eleaha, & Carson, *Trinity Episcopal Church, Lowville*  
Margaret, *St. James’ Episcopal Church, Clinton*  
James, Miriam, & Elizabeth, *St. John’s Episcopal Church, Marcellus*  
Emily and Christopher, *St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Chenango Bridge*  
Grace, *St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Cazenovia*  
Olivia and Nathaniel, *Trinity Episcopal Church, Watertown*  
Max, *St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Liverpool*  
Clayton, *St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Chittenango*  
Jack, *St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Endicott*  
Eric, *Grace Episcopal Church*

Production                      Meredith Kadet Sanderson

### Musical Offerings

“O come, O come Emmanuel”

*The Hymnal 1982, #56*

Michael S. Larkin, *baritone, guitar, arranger, producer*

Elizabeth Friedel, *violin*

Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny, *guitar*  
courtesy St. James' Episcopal Church, Skaneateles

*"O come, all ye faithful"* *The Dinka Songbook*  
sung by Chol Majok, Diändit Episcopal Chapel, East Syracuse

*"And the glory of the Lord"* *from Handel's Messiah*  
Chancel Choir (2019) of St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca, NY:  
Jennifer Amburg, Julia Callaghan, Sally Clayton, Ben Dean, Jen Dodwell, Leah  
Etheridge, Jerome Fung, Dan Graybeal, Charlotte Hoekenga, Jonathan Meigs,  
Michael Roman, Sherry Smart, Max Hylton Smith, Andrew Sprague, Matthew  
Stedinger, Robin Steuteville, Skye Steuteville, and Nicole Wills  
Crawford R. Thorburn, *assisting conductor*  
Karen A. Hindenlang, *organist and director of music*

*"Joy to the world"* *The Hymnal 1982 #100*  
Virtual Choir of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York:  
Kip Coerper, *St. James' Episcopal Church, Skaneateles—organist*  
Jason Comet, *The River Parishes—producer and editor*  
Erin Moore, *St. John's Episcopal Church, Marcellus—instructor*  
*Choristers and musicians:*  
Andrew Allport, *St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Chenango Bridge*  
Doug Avery, *Trinity Episcopal Church, Seneca Falls*  
Nell Bartkowiak, *Christ Episcopal Church, Manlius*  
Karen Barto, *Trinity Episcopal Church, Seneca Falls*  
Averell, Tina, Chamberlain & Nathaniel Bauder, *Christ Episcopal Church,*  
*Willard*  
Martha Bennett, *Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Binghamton*  
Edris Boyll-Kuzia, *Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Binghamton*  
Gary and Levi, *The River Parishes*  
Sharon Campbell, *Christ Episcopal Church, Clayton*  
Kip Coerper, *St. James' Episcopal Church, Skaneateles*  
Katherine Collett, *St. James' Episcopal Church, Clinton*  
Colette Coppola, *St. John's Episcopal Church, Oneida*  
Lily Corathers, *Christ Episcopal Church, Herkimer*  
Peg Corbett, *Zion Episcopal Church, Rome*  
Barbara Crowle, *Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Binghamton*

Christine Day, *All Saints' Episcopal Church, Johnson City*  
Paul Frolick, *St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Liverpool*  
Lauren Gagnon, *St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Chenango Bridge*  
Ellie Hadity, *Grace Episcopal Church, Utica*  
John Helgren, *St. James' Episcopal Church, Skaneateles*  
Meredith Kadet Sanderson, *St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Liverpool*  
Greg Keeler, *Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Binghamton*  
Michael Larkin, *St. James' Episcopal Church, Skaneateles*  
Debbie Miller, *St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Liverpool*  
Erin Moore, *St. John's Episcopal Church, Marcellus*  
Jane Padron, *Zion Episcopal Church, Rome*  
Judith Reilly, *Sacred Heart/St. Mary's, Utica*  
Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, *The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York*  
Lisa Semenza, *Ss. Peter & John Episcopal Church, Auburn*  
Gale Smith, *St. John's Episcopal Church, Oneida*  
Nancy Smith, *St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Owego*  
Bill Snyder, *Christ Episcopal Church, Binghamton*  
Christine Stirling, *Christ Episcopal Church, Clayton*  
Jennifer Swinney, *Zion Episcopal Church, Rome*  
Faith White, *St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Chenango Bridge*  
Janet Wilson, *St. James' Episcopal Church, Clinton*

*"Hark! the herald angels sing"*

*The Hymnal 1982 #87*

Kip Coerper, *organist*

*arr. Sir David Willcocks*

Michael S. Larkin, *producer*

Dave Peebles, *trumpet*

Susanne Rynkiewicz, *soprano*

courtesy St. James' Episcopal Church, Skaneateles

*"Silent night"*

*The Hymnal 1982 #111*

Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Liverpool: James Bearup, Andrea

Corasaniti, Sue Darrohn, Blythe Fawcett, Heather Gullo, Debbie Miller, Lindsay

Todd, Henry Wakefield

Jennifer Bearup, *director of music*

*“It came upon a midnight clear”*

*The Hymnal 1982 #89*

Cyber Choir of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Ithaca, NY:

Sally Clayton, Ben Dean, Josette Garrison, Mary Beth James, Amelia Paulson,  
Mike Roman, Matthew Stedinger, Connie Stirling-Engman, Crawford R.

Thoburn, Sara VanLooy, Bev Way, and Baobao Zhang, (plus Mtr. Megan  
Castellan, Jerome Fung, Skye Steuteville and John Wootton)

Karen A. Hindenlang, *organist and director of music*

*“Good Christian friends, rejoice”*

*The Hymnal 1982 #107*

Kathy Collett, alto

Brian Collett, bass

Nicola Collett, soprano

Charles Collett, tenor

courtesy St. James’ Episcopal Church, Clinton