

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

**While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. [Refrain]**

**Down in a lowly stable
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]**

Benediction

Postlude: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" arr. D. Winkler

Christmas is a special time to express appreciation to one another for being who and what we are.
Our minister and staff thank you as a congregation for all you mean to us.
We pray that you all will have a happy and blessed Christmas season.

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Acolyte: Aisla & Levi Varmon

Altar Guild: Chad & Phyllis Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Liturgist: Rob Powell

Ushers: Margo Sweetland, Karen Andros, Lisa Bakowski, Deb Garth

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget's brother), Vonda B (Chad T's sister), the C family, Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt's mother), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth V), Dominick E, Blair J (Brenda L's grandson), John K, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine's sister-in-law), Velma M, Dorothy M, Daryl P, Claire (LaPierre) P, Catherine Ann R, Nancy S, Jody F (Shannon F's mother), Lynn T, Mary (T) G (Nate T's sister & Camille's sister-in-law), Alison W, Andrew W (Phyllis T's nephew), Courtney H (Sheila W's daughter), our service men, women & their families, those affected by gun violence & natural disasters.

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Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern

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Bishop, Sudarshana Devadhar



10:30 a.m.



Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.

Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ



Christmas Day - 2022

December 25, 2022

10:30 a.m.

*Stand as you are able

Prelude:

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

arr. M. Hayes

Welcome

***Greeting**

One: Jesus Christ is Born today!

Many: Alleluia!

***Opening Hymn:**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

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***Prayer of Illumination:**

Be born in our hearing, Lord Jesus,

And open our lives to you:

Our Word, our Light, our Life.

Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

(To help us be a warm and caring spiritual home, please take a few moments to greet on another in Christian love. A historical Christian greeting would be: “The Peace of Christ be with you. “And also, with you.”)

***Hymn:**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

UMH#220

Pastoral Prayer

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, forever. Amen.

***Hymn:**

“What Child Is This?”

UMH#219

Scripture Reading:

John 1: 1-14 (NIV)

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,

Christmas Homily:

Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

Invitation to Offering:

Glorious God, we sing with the angels to celebrate the tremendous gift of your Son Jesus! We rejoice with gladness. You give us wonderful joy and peace in our Savior. May we exult in your goodness with the exhilaration of children opening presents. As we bring our offerings, we ask that our lives would reflect your joy and generosity. We pray through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory:

“Light of the World”

Lauren Daigle

***Doxology:**

UMH #94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

We have seen his glory, the glory as of God’s only-begotten,
full of grace and truth. How great our joy!

Go forth, and proclaim it! **Thanks be to God.**

***A Medley of Hymns:**

thanks be to God.

**Joy to the world! The Lord is
come: Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! The Savior
reigns: Let men their songs
employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains, repeat the sounding
joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and
grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of his
righteousness, and wonders of
his love.**

**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! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!