

# The Church of All Saints by-the-Sea

Virtual Order of Worship  
Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2021

The Rev. Kit Sherrill  
Southport, Maine

Bells: Ringers: Margo and Byron Atwood

Henry Lowe  
Resident Summer Organist  
All Saints by-the-Sea  
Southport, Maine

Organ Prelude: Medley of Carols

Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
Once in Royal David's City  
What Child is This?

Bells

Lighting of Candles: Leigh Sherrill

Words of Welcome: Ron Ross

Opening Hymn: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL #83 (1,3,6)

: Opening Sentence for Christmas

Collects for Purity and for Christmas

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:14, 9: 6-7 Phil Smith

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Solo: Prayer for a New Mother: Richard Shepard

Soloist - Violet Holbrook

Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-2, Micah 5:2 Brian Rayl

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Hymn:

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM #79 (1,5)

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 1-7 Susie McGuinness

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Hymn:

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY #93 (1,2)

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 8-19 Leigh Lowe

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

Hymn: IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR #89 (1)

Christmas Eve Homily

Solo: Away in a Manger

Soloist: Violet Holbrook

Prayers of the People: Aims McGuinness

The Lord's Prayer: Aims McGuinness

Hymn:

SILENT NIGHT #111 (1,2,3)

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude: Joy to the World  
Good Christian Men Rejoice

Photo Gallery with Music

Y Arts Participants

Credits

All Saints Community Gallery

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