

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Alexandria, Virginia

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2016

5:00 and 9:00 P.M.

Prelude (5:00) *Francisco Robles, Guitar, (5:00 and 9:00) Michael Barber, Trumpet*

Christmas Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia, I bring tidings of great joy. To us a Son is born.

People: To Us, a Savior is given. Alleluia.

Processional

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 83 (vs. 1-3, 6) F&C 276

Prayer at the Christmas Creche

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal 96 (vs. 1 & 2) F&C 277

The Collect of Christmas

(from the insert)

A Reading from Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

(from the insert)

A Reading from Titus 2:11-14 *(en Espanol 5:00)*

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 79 (vs. 1, 2)

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

People: "Glory to You, Lord Christ"

Narrator: 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;

Angel: '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.'

Narrator: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

Congregation: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

Narrator: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

Shepherds ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’

Narrator: 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. “The Gospel of the Lord!”

Congregation: “*Praise to you, Lord Christ*”

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymnal 79 (vs. 3)

The Sermon The Rev. John A. Weatherly and Adolfo Moronta (5:00 pm)

The Rev. Meredith Heffner (9:00 pm)

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymnal 79 (vs. 4, 5)

A Christmas Litany (9:00 pm)

The Peace

The Offertory Anthem Francisco Robles (5:00)

St. Mark’s Choir (9:00)

Your Christmas offering is greatly appreciated as it supports the parishes of San Marcos and St. Mark’s ministries, and its outreach to this community and the world.

The Presentation Hymn (congregation stands and sings)

*“Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight. Gloria in excelsis Deo.”*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

Sanctus S-129

Fraction Anthem *Agnes Dei* S-161

All are invited to come forward and receive our Lord’s Sacrament or if preferred, a blessing from the Priest.

The Communion Hymns

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (5:00) Hymnal 89 (1982)

Once In Royal David’s City (9:00) Hymnal 102

(Only the choir sings the first verse.)

Prayer After Communion (*kneeling*) BCP p. 365

Hymn *Silent Night* (Remain kneeling. Candles are lit, lights dimmed.) Hymnal 111

F&C 282

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *Joy to the World* Antioch Hymnal 100

F&C 289

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude

Welcome to this service at St. Mark's. The Nursery is open for the 5:00 service tonight and located in Gibson Hall. Please silence your cellphones. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to speak to an usher.

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2016 Vestry

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Pastor of San Marcos – The Rev. Adolfo Moronta – Music Director/Organist – Tatiana Andronikova
Parish Administrator – Mari Gibson - Sexton – Francisco Robles – Accountant – Mike Morgan
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Worship Service Volunteers

LEMs

12/24 Jim Bailes (5:00 pm)
Linda Berg (9:00 pm)

12/25 Mike Foughty

Lectors

12/24 Doug Varner (5:00 pm)
Sheryl Sims/Russell Bradley (9:00 pm)

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Intercessor

12/24 Linda Larson (5:00 pm)
Earl Hughes (9:00 pm)

12/25 Rosemary Kley

Acolytes

12/24 Noah Caliendo/Hannah
Luxner/Joanna Wright (5:00)
Katherine Larson/
Tyler Chui (9:00)

12/25 Katherine Larson

Altar Guild

12/25 Joy Haggard/Pat Hoppe

Greeter(s)

Bonnie Wilkins

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