

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Alexandria, Virginia

**December 24, 2017 - Christmas Eve**

**Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II(5:00pm/9:00p.m.)**

## Prelude

### 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 Hymn

*Hark, The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymnal #87

### Station at the Christmas Creche

### Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

### *Gloria in Excelsis*

Hymnal #96 (Vs. 1, 4)

## The Word of God

### The Book of Common Prayer

### The Collect of the Day

*(from the insert)*

### First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

*(from the insert)*

### The Psalm

Psalm 96

*(from the insert)*

### The Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

*(from the insert)*

### Sequence Hymn

*Of The Father's Love*

Hymnal #82

### The Gospel – Told in parts

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

“The Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Jesus Christ, According to Luke”

### R “*Glory to You, Lord Christ*”

N And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. And this registration was first made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the City of David which is called Bethlehem because he was of the house and lineage of David to be registered with Mary, his espoused wife, who was 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. 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,

**Angel** "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 Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

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

**Congregation** "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all!"

N And it came to pass, when the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another,

**Shepherds** "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us."

N 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 those who 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. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen.

“The Gospel of the Lord”

***Praise to You, Lord Christ!***

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymnal #79 (Vs. 5)

### Meditation

The Rev. John Weatherly

### A Christmas Litany

*(from the insert)*

### The Peace *(stand)*

BCP p.360

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory

*Still The Holiest Night*

by Phil Kern

### Presentation of Gifts

*God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

Hymnal #105 (Vs. 1, 4)

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer B

BCP p. 367

### Sanctus (said)

BCP p. 367

### The Lord's Prayer

### The Breaking of the Bread

*All persons are invited to receive communion on this Holy Day!*

### Communion Hymn

*Away in a Manger*

LEVAS #27

*The First Nowell*

Hymnal #109

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP p. 366

**Hymn** *(lights are dimmed, candles are lit)* *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Hymnal #111

### The Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon himself, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy this Christmas season, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this night and in all the year to come. *Amen.*

### Recessional Hymn

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Hymnal #87

### Postlude

***We warmly welcome all who gather with us this evening!***

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**This Evening – December 24, 2014**

	<u>5 PM</u>	<u>9 PM</u>
<b>LEM</b>	Jeanne Shafer Donna Anderson	Pam Smith Sheryl Sims
<b>Lectors</b>	Doug Varner	Russ Bradley
<b>Intercessors</b>	Jeanne Shafer	Jimmy Bailes
<b>Acolytes</b>	Katherine Larson Chloe Lewis	Tyler Chui Andrew Alonzo
<b>Greeters</b>	TBD	Bonnie Brown-Wilkins
<b>Ushers</b>	Jimmy Bailes Steve Mitchell	Wally Tienken Terry Tienken
<b>Tellers</b>		Ed Kley David Powers
<b>Vestry Person</b>	Doug Varner	Jimmy Bailes

**Christmas Day**

	<u>11 AM</u>
<b>LEM</b>	Mike Foughty N/A
<b>Lectors</b>	Nell Brill Mike Foughty
<b>Intercessors</b>	Rosemary Kley
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ben Slobodin Hailey Heyse
<b>Greeter</b>	Delta Youngquist
<b>Ushers</b>	Wally Tienken Terry Tienken
<b>Tellers</b>	Ed Kley David Powers
<b>Vestry Person</b>	Nihal Masih

