



# St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

## The Nativity of Our Lord

Traditional Service of Christmas

Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2020

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Mike Perfetti, Lector

Heather Sylvester, Gospel Lesson

Joe Michaud, Prayers of the People

Yarmouth, Maine

### Introit Hymn 111

*Silent night, holy night*

*The Hymnal 1982*

*John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir*

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

**Invitation to Worship**

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld the glory of God.  
For unto us a child is born: O come, let us worship, alleluia.

**Hymn 83**

*O come, all ye faithful*

*The Hymnal 1982*

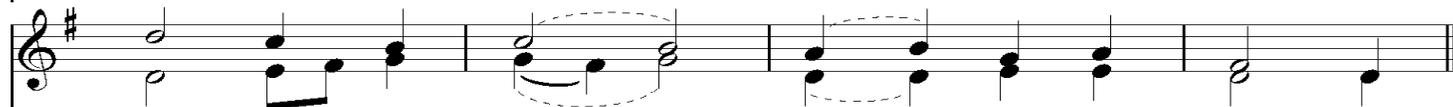
*John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 \*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
 \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,



1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

## Opening Acclamation

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Blessed be the one holy and living God.  
Glory to God for ever and ever.

## The Gloria: Hymn 96

The Hymnal 1982

Angels we have heard on high

John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

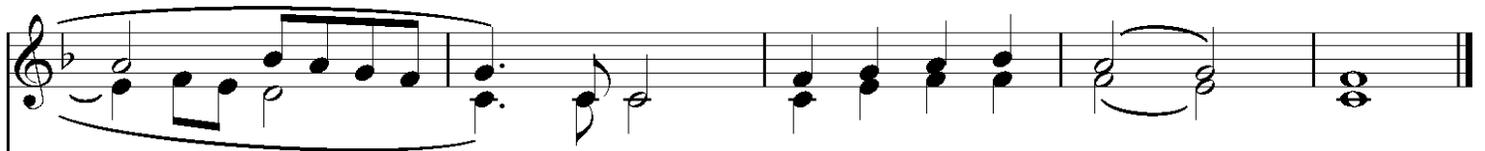
### Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



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## The Collect

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

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.**

Hymn 81  
*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

*The Hymnal 1982*  
*John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir*

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\* 3 O Flower, whose fra-grance ten-der with sweet-ness fills the air,  
Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma-ry we be-hold it, the Vir-gin Mo-ther kind.  
dis-pel in glo-rious splen-dor the dark-ness ev-ery-where;  
It came, a blos-som bright, a-mid the  
To show God's love a-right, she bore to  
true man, yet ve-ry God, from sin and  
cold of win-ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa-vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev-ery load.

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**A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 9:2-7**

*Mike Perfetti*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Here ends the reading.

**Choral Anthem**

*In the bleak midwinter*  
*by Harold Darke*

*The St. Bart's Choir*  
*John Corrie, Heather Sylvester; soloists*

## A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 2:1-20

Heather Sylvester

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.

Here ends the reading from the Gospel.

## Hymn 101

*Awake in a manger, no crib for his bed*

*The Hymnal 1982*

*John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir*

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.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Hymn 115

What child is this, who, laid to rest

The Hymnal 1982

John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir

Unison or harmony



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,



Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to



bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

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**The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray to Jesus our Redeemer.  
Christ, born in a stable, give safety to all who are homeless.  
Jesus, Protector, **hear our prayer.**

Christ, for whom the angels sang,  
give the song of healing and restoration to all who weep.  
Jesus, Healer, **hear our prayer.**

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,  
give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.  
Jesus, Liberator, **hear our prayer.**

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,  
give humility and wisdom to all who govern.  
Jesus, Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,  
give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.  
Jesus, Redeemer, **hear our prayer.**

**Concluding Collect**

Jesus, God's own Son, child of Mary, born in our midst this holy night,  
illumine our hearts,  
scatter the darkness from before our path,  
and fill us with your joy and peace. **Amen.**

*The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley*

**The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

**The Peace**

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.  
The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hymn 109

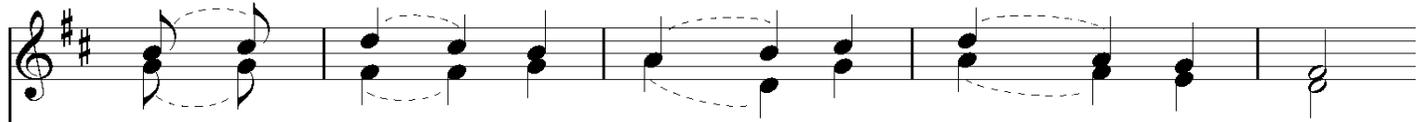
The first Nowell the angel did say, verses 1, 2, 6

The Hymnal 1982

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1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star



1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,



1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
2 and to the earth it gave great light,

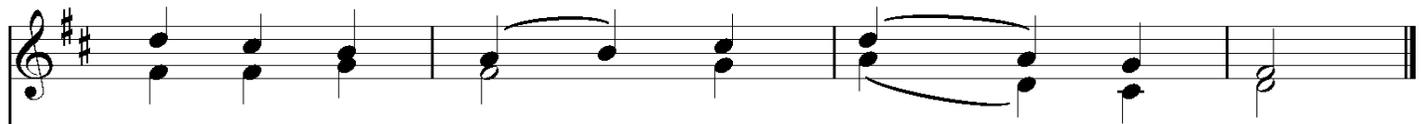


1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.

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**Concluding Prayer**

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your Incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

## The Blessing

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

### *The St. Bart's Blessing*

My friends, life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. And the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn 87**

*The Hymnal 1982*

### ***Hark! the herald angels sing***

*John Corrie & The St. Bart's Choir*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

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## The Dismissal

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Arise, shine, for our light has come! Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

*In Dulci Jubilo*  
by Johann Sebastian Bach

*John Corrie*