

St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís Episcopal Church



2009

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NATIVITY
DECEMBER 24, 2009
11:00 PM CELEBRATION

The Reverend Richard Aguilar, Priest
The Reverend Ledly O. Moss, Sr., Deacon
Mr. John M. Barrow, Organist & Choirmaster



Merry
Christmas

**Christmas Eve
10:30 Service Carol Singing**

(In the blue Hymnal)

- I. Go tell it on the mountain Hymn 99**
- II. O little town of Bethlehem Hymn 79**
- III. God rest ye merry gentlemen Hymn 105**
- IV. Choir Anthem - Break forth, O beauteous
heavenly light Hymn 91**
- V. The first Noel Hymn 109**
- VI. O Holy Night - Solo - Alex Diaz**

The Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Jesus is born!

People: Glorify Christ!

Celebrant: Dear People of God: In this season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

During this season of Advent we have lighted candles to scatter darkness and remember the Light of Christmas.

People: May this Light be revealed in the temple of God and the Star of Jesus shown to the world.

The Acolytes light the Christmas candle first, Advent wreath candles, altar candles, and the Eucharistic candles, then the side lights and tree lights are lit.

Celebrant: Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against God until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in Miami Lakes.

And because God particularly loves them, let us remember in God's name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before the Christ Child his pure and humble Mother, the Virgin Mary. Let us remember that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope is in the Word made Flesh. Let us remember that in the birth of Jesus, we are one for evermore.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The Word was made Flesh. Alleluia, alleluia.
People: The Word was made Flesh. Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: And dwelt among us:
People: Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
People: The Word was made Flesh. Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia:
People: God is the Lord, the Christ Child has shined upon us. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
All: Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

 **Processional Hymn 83 (blue) O come all ye faithful** *Adeste fideles*

Prayers at the Christmas Crèche

Celebrant: The Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us:
People: And we beheld God's glory.
Celebrant: The glory of the Lord has been revealed:
People: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray together the Christmas Collect of the Day:
O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Jesus is born!

People: Glorify Christ!

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

The Reader says the words in *italics*. The People say the words in **bold**.

*1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.*

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

*3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.*

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 *As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.*
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 *Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.*
- 8 **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 *Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.*
- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 *Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.*
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 *He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.*

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The Second Reading

Titus 2: 11:14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

♩ **Sequence Hymn 87 Hark! the herald angels sing** *Mendelssohn*

Verse 1-2 before the Gospel is read, verse 3 after the reading.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All standing

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People: Form II

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Leader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our
Bishop Leo; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

People: **Pray for the Church.**

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

People: Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

People: Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

People: Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for the departed.

People: Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____. I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Leader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

People: Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant: O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal Word became Flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that as Jesus humbled himself to be clothed with our humanity, so may we be found worthy to be clothed in the divinity of Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

During the festival season of Christmas, the Confession is omitted.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to greet one another in the name of the Lord

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

I Chronicles 29:11

🎵 **Offertory Anthem** **In the bleak midwinter** *Harold Darke*

🎵 **Doxology**

Please stand

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord,

People: **and of thine own have we given thee.** *I Chronicles 29:14*

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Please remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Sanctus

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Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues,

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and **People**

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you of all; presenting to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Celebrant and People may join hands and sing together :

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then the following is sung:

🎵 **Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*** **S-164** *Deutsche Messe*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy in us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, our redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

You who are guests this Christmas Season are welcome to worship at St. Margaret's and among the Episcopal Community of Miami Lakes. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church.

🎵 **Communion Hymns 101** *Away in a manger, 89* *It came upon a midnight clear*

Post Communion Prayer

Please kneel or stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant and **People** say together,
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The lights are dimmed for the Post Communion Hymn and individual candles lit.

🎵 **Post Communion Hymn 111** **Silent night, holy night** *Stille Nacht*

Blessing

Celebrant: May the Christ Child, who by the Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with everlasting joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

On this special night, there are no formal announcements other than the staff and vestry of St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís wish each and every one of you a Happy and Joyous Christmas.

♫ **Recessional Hymn 100** **Joy to the world** *Antioch*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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“I Can’t Wait “ - A Christmas message from Father Aguilar for the Miami Laker, December 18, 2009.

“I can’t wait!” Do you recall being six years old? There would be decorations in homes, stores stocking up on toys, and music in the air. The tinsel, trees, and lights had shined for some time. All the talk among neighbors and friends at school was what I want Santa Claus to bring to me. Yet, one had to wait because Christmas was still to come.

“I can’t wait!” The six year old in each one of us has difficulty waiting for Christmas. Waiting is boring, waste of time, and unproductive according to the adult world. Waiting means standing in line, sitting in traffic, becoming impatient, surviving in frustration, and waving fists in the air. Is waiting the “baa-humbug” of this time of the year?

“I can’t wait!” Perhaps one can and must wait. Maybe waiting is a good thing and a special moment. Maybe waiting is an important part of the season. Maybe waiting is a spiritual exercise and a gift from God.

In the wisdom of the Christian Church, there is a calendar that marks seasons. This time of the year is called Advent. Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas. Advent comes from a Latin word that signifies coming. The Christ Child is coming and we wait. We wait for Jesus to be born into hearts and souls. We wait as the world will know the birth of the Son of God.

In the Christmas story according to the Gospels (Luke and Matthew) there is waiting. Mary and Joseph wait. The Shepherds wait. The Angels wait. The Magi wait. Even Herod who represents evil rulers must wait.

Yes, you and I can wait. Let us wait for the joy and peace. Let us wait for gifts and love. Let us wait and say, “Merry Christmas!”

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