

The Church of the Annunciation

A Parish of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark



January 2, 2011—*The Second Sunday after Christmas Day*

The Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.

Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are glad you joined us today. By filling out the visitor's card you will find near the door to the church, you will allow us to stay in touch with you. Please know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. You are encouraged to participate fully in our worship, engaging your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Infants and small children are also welcome, either in the play space near the rear of the church or for nursery care downstairs.*

Prelude

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (The Old Year Is Gone)

J.S. Bach

If you have an announcement to share, please come sit by the lectern during the Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Special Blessings

Entrance Hymn 107

If you are able, please stand to sing

“Good Christian friends, rejoice”

The hymn is found in the hymnal, in the pew rack

Priest

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Priest

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 109

Sung by all, standing

“The First Nowell”

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's Greeting

Please be seated; children are invited to come forward for a brief story, after which they go downstairs for Sunday School, returning in time to take Communion with their family

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel. See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.’ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,” says the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 99

“Go, tell it on the mountain”

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

(Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a)

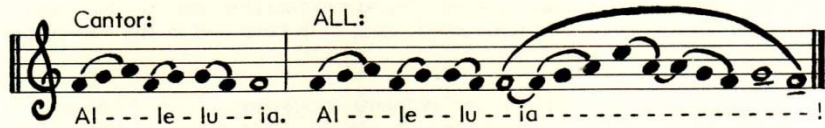
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 115

Please stand

“What child is this”

Alleluia



The Word was made flesh and dwelt a/mong us,* full / of grace and truth. (*John 1:14a*)
All repeat the second Alleluia.

The Gospel

Reader ✠ ✠ ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

(Matthew 2:13-15,19-23)

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *Please be seated*

Nicene Creed

All stand and say together the following

At the italicized words, you are invited to bow

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,
*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who 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

Priest Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The people are invited to kneel

Leader Christ, who was born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless. In your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Christ, who fled into Egypt, give comfort to all refugees. In your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Christ, who fasted in the desert, give relieve to all who are starving. In your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

(The priest concludes with a collect)

Peace *All stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the people may greet one another, exchanging peace in the name of God

Offertory Music

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
The Episcobells

Arr. John Behnke

During the music, please be seated as the people's monetary offerings are collected

Hymn 96

"Angels we have heard on high"

As the hymn is sung, the people's offerings of bread and wine are presented, along with financial gifts

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

After singing, the people kneel, and the priest continues, saying in the midst of the prayer

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

During the invocation of the Holy Spirit over the people, you are invited to make the sign of the cross

... ✠ being sanctified by the Holy Spirit ...

The priest concludes

... all honor and glory is yours ... now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All say together

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-164

The bread is broken, and the ushers come forward to guide the people to the communion rail

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.', 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.', 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:', and 'give us your peace, give us your peace.'

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, especially young children! If you are unable to take the steps and would like Communion brought to you, please inform an usher.

Music during Communion

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst

For text, see Hymn 112

Soloist: Jamie MacKenzie

Post-Communion Prayer

All say together

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing ✠

Hymn 110

“The snow lay on the ground”

Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Grave

Felix Mendelssohn

About Today's Lesson & Liturgy

Welcome to our parish. Today we continue to celebrate the entrance of the Son of God into the world. The Gospel tells of the Holy Family fleeing to Egypt to escape Herod's attempt to kill the infant Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, from which this story is taken, Jesus' life is regarded as the fulfillment of the history of Israel. The author sees Jesus as recapitulating the story of the people of Israel in their exile to Egypt and return to the land of promise. The Old Testament reading foretells the coming of God's Kingdom, when all peoples will be gathered into God's holy place. The reading from Ephesians tells us that in Christ we have become sons and daughters of God. The first reading today promises the reestablishment of God's people as the kingdom of God. The reading from the opening of the letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Jesus the Son of God has opened the way for all people to be adopted as daughters and sons of God. God does this through the new birth of baptism and does it for God's own joy. As in the child Jesus, so in us God comes to dwell in the world. In us God chooses to reveal the truth, confounding the wisdom of the world. By baptism, we are adopted as children of God. In the Eucharist, our relationship to God is affirmed and revealed. God continues to come into the world and has chosen us as the primary instruments to reveal that coming.

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Music Notes

Gustav Holst (1874-1934) was a composer of many choral part-songs, song cycles, operas and orchestral pieces. He is perhaps best known for his orchestral suite composed during the years 1914–1916, entitled *The Planets*.

Who Knew?

Last year's words belong to last year's language, and next year's words await another voice. To make an end is to make a beginning.”

—T. S. Eliot

Announcements

Your Questions Answered: *Q.* Why do you often reply to a phone message by electronic mail? *A.* Simply put, e-mail is more convenient for non-urgent matters. A phone call requires two people to be in specific locations and available to each other at precisely the same time. I frequently play “phone tag” with people who, like me, do not have set office hours—not a good use of my time or theirs. An e-mail message, on the other hand, can be read at one's convenience, considered, and replied to when your schedule allows. —JBB

Parents: Please plan to stay after church today for a conversation with the Rector about children's ministries here at Annunciation. We will consider the Sunday School program, children's music activities, and other programs designed to help foster their spiritual growth, with an eye to developing a specific plan for the winter and spring. We will have supervised children's activity during this brief initial conversation, so please do plan to attend this important meeting about the spiritual formation of your children.

On our parish web site: In addition to the calendar and *e-News*, the site now contains recent Sunday bulletins and announcement sheets. If you are out of town, have to work, or perhaps are sick, you can still stay in touch with your parish. There is also a snappy video of our hand-bell choir and a couple of videos of sermons. Take a look (www.annunciationoradell.org).

Donate online to the Church of the Annunciation, through Network for Good. Click on the “Donate Now” icon on our web site to make secure online payments toward your pledge or other donations with your credit card.

Google Groups: We now have two groups in Google. These are free, and we encourage you to sign up. Start at our web site (www.annunciationoradell.org), then click on the link under “Contact Us” to join one or more online groups. Everyone should be part of the “Parishioners” group! We also have a Facebook group—so sign up today to see pictures, hear news, and stay in touch with your fellow parishioners.

In Our Prayers

Special Intentions: Dotti Zebrowski, Marilyn Noll, Chloe Devine, Dorothy Craig, Marie Papp, Agnes Dockendorff, Helen Dziemian, Deanna Miller, Sandra Carida, Carolyn Bensen, Gary Hoag, Jane Maher, Theodore Stell, Linda Christensen, Christina Zisa, George Carpenter, Leslie Granville, Soffie Minassian, Lisa Emelo, Gloria Brower, John Gibbons, Patt Seitz, Neha Dass, Harold Graf, Charles Kochka, Richard Thomas, Sara Sarnicki, Fred Galea, Addison Ridden, Joan Hearle, Theresa Lacey, Angela Kaufmann, Stu Kaufmann, Jon Spinnanger, Sophie Guida.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Absent Guest Plate (a second offering at the altar steps each week and given away for charitable purposes):

Rector’s Discretionary Fund (a fund maintained by our rector and used for exigent circumstances).

Those Serving in the Military: Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly, Brian McCarthy.

Parish Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Dr. J. Barrington Bates (church office 201-262-7222, e-mail rector@annunciationoradell.org, cell 201-390-8270, or, *in an emergency only:* rectory 201-265-4144, country 518-731-1131)

Senior Warden (finance & personnel): Grace Oliff (grace_1335@yahoo.com, 201-573-1148)

Junior Warden (buildings & grounds): Brian Demay (bcdemay2@optonline.net)

Vestry: Rector, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Jan Simpson (2011), Ted Gustenhoven and Greg Kouletsis (2012), George Keitel and Eric Olsen, *Clerk* (2013), Dave Dziemian, *Treasurer (nonvoting).* To address e-mail to the entire vestry: annunciationleadership@googlegroups.com

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Bell Choir Director: Mrs. Sue Keitel (suegeo92@aol.com)

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Parish Administrator: Mrs. Gayle Stoute (201-262-7222, administrator@annunciationoradell.org), normal office hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 1:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Today’s Lay Leadership

Altar Guild: Marie Mitchell, Phyllis Thurlow, Chris Gwynne

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Sue Dziemian

Financial Steward:

Cantor:

Acolytes:

Lector:

Ushers:

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