A Word of Welcome

Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through prayer, music, the reading of Scripture, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are visiting this evening, please know that there is always a place for you when you enter through these doors.

If you are seeking a church home or would like more information about Bethesda, we would enjoy hearing from you. Please feel free to fill out a pew card and either hand it to an usher or place it in the collection plate. You may also want to log onto our web page at BBTS.org. Again, welcome to Bethesda-by-the-Sea. We’re glad you are here with us this evening and we wish you a joyous and Christ-filled Christmas season.

Prelude

Noël Suisse
Prelude on Greensleeves
Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)
Richard Purvis (1913–1994)

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 83

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Only-begotten Son of the Father;

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;

Refrain

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

Refrain

Christmas Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.
People O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant 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.

The congregation is seated for the pageant and the hymns.

Lesson Luke 1:26–38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Hymn 265 The angel Gabriel [verses 1–2] Gabriel's Message

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; “All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

“For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Lesson Luke 1:39–56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty
One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

**Hymn 79**  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
*St. Louis*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

**Lesson**  
*Luke 2:1–7*

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.

**Hymn 94**  
*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night*  
*Winchester Old*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;  
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.”

“To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line  
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

“The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid.”
Lesson  Luke 2:8–14
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!”

Hymn 96  Angles We Have Heard On High
Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Refrain  Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.  Refrain

Hymn 101  Away in a Manger
Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung by the angels.
Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle ’til morning is nigh.
The congregations joins in singing stanza 3.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Lesson  Luke 2:15–19
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.
Procession of Mary and Joseph around the church, singing

HYMN 100 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

The Night Before Christmas (at Bethesda)

Prayers of the People A Christmas Litany

All standing, the Leader and People pray responsively

On this holy occasion when we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord, let us pray for the peace, joy, hope, and strength offered by God's Word made flesh:

For the Church, that it may faithfully and boldly proclaim to every human heart the Good News made known this Christmas that salvation has come to God's holy people. 
Lord, empower your Church.

For peace in our troubled world, that every darkness of war, injustice, persecution, and oppression may be cast out by light shed into the world by the Prince of Peace.
Lord, grant peace to all.

For our families and all those, far and near, to whom we are blessed by the love of Christ, that the bonds which unite us may be strengthened.
Lord, build our love.

For all those in need, those whom we might otherwise forget at this joyous time; the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, the sick, the grieving, those in prison, those caught by addiction, and all who know any great trial or sadness this Christmas.
Lord, comfort them.

For all who labor during this season on behalf of others: physicians, nurses, medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, the military, and those whose duty prevents them from sharing this holy time with those they love.
Lord, sustain them.

For all who have known the wonder of God's presence in their earthly pilgrimages and who now live in larger life, remembering especially those in whose loving memory the church and chapels are adorned, that following their example we may remain faithful to the end of this earthly life and live forever in the light of Christ's eternal glory.
Lord, hear our prayers.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.
The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Music at the Offertory

Anthem See, amid the winter’s snow arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

See amid the winter’s snow, Born for us on earth below; See the tender Lamb appears, Promis’d from eternal years: Hail thou ever blessed morn; Hail, redemption’s happy dawn; Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who, throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim: Say, ye holy shepherds, say What your joyful news today; Wherefore have ye left your sheep On the lonely mountain steep? ‘As we watch’d at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light; Angels singing “Peace on earth” Told us of the Saviour’s birth:’ Sacred infant, all divine, What a tender love was thine, Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this: Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, By thy face so meek and mild, Teach us to resemble thee, In thy sweet humility: —Edward Caswall (1814–1878)

At the Presentation

As the gifts are presented, the congregation stands and joins in singing

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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 our thanks and praise.
The Celebrant continues

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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The congregation kneels or remains standing, and 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 in 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.
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, 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and 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 forever. **AMEN.**

**Celebrant**

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

**Celebrant and People**

*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 Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Celebrant**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People**

*therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.*

**Celebrant**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion**

Everyone is invited to Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the minister.
During Communion

Hymn 115       What child is this
Greensleeves

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Refrain

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.  Refrain

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.  Refrain

Anthem  O holy night arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Savior's birth; long
lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill
of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your
knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born, O night
divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand; so,
led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from Orient land. The King
of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend; He knows our need,
to our weakness no stranger; Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love, and his Gospel is peace. Chains shall
he break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet
hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise his holy Name. Christ is the
Lord, then ever, ever praise we, his pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.

— Cappeau de Roquemaure (1808–1877), tr. John S. Dwight (1813–1893)

Additional hymns, if needed.

Hymn 98       Unto us a boy is born  Puer nobis nascitur
Hymn 107      Good Christian friends, rejoice  In dulci jubilo
After Communion

As the lights dim, the congregation kneels and joins in singing

Hymn 111 (sung kneeling) Silent Night, Holy Night Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,

The congregation remains kneeling for the Postcommunion Prayer.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his 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.
The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

**HYMN 87**  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
*Mendelssohn*

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

**Refrain**  
*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!*

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
**Refrain**

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace.  
**Refrain**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon*  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Response*  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**  
Sortie sur Venez, *Divin Messie*  
*Pierre Cochereau (1924–1984)*

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Merry Christmas

Blessed Christmas to all & Happy New Year!
From the Clergy and Staff of
The Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea

Our office will be closed on
Monday, December 26, Tuesday, December 27, and Monday, January 2.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday, January 1, 2023 † 11:00 a.m.
The Bethesda Choir leads this traditional Christmas service, made famous by the recordings and annual live broadcast from King’s College, Cambridge, England. A free-will offering will be received.

Boar’s Head & Yule Log Festival
Saturday, January 7 | 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 8 | 2:00 & 4:30 p.m.

The Holiday Favorite Returns! Mark your calendars for the upcoming Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival, which is Bethesda-by-the-Sea’s beloved re-creation of an ancient drama celebrating Epiphany. Pipes and Drums, Beefeaters, Sprites, Shepherds, the Three Kings and their Pages, Mary and Joseph, Flag Bearers, Jesters, the Herald, King Wenceslas and his Page, a Brass Quintet, the mighty Austin organ, and the Bethesda Choir . . . all will be in place as our Festival takes place on the Saturday and Sunday, January 7 and 8.

A requested donation of $25 will be received at the door or get priority seating at bbts.org.
Bethesda’s Mission is to experience the clear and strong presence of God and to understand and spread Christ’s teachings through collective worship, learning, and service.

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