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*A Celebration of  
The Holy Eucharist*

*Christmas Pageant*

**2009**

# CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

**Welcome to Saint Peter's Church!** We bid your prayers at this season for our parish family and for our ministries. We pray for the mission and unity of the Church. We pray especially for the needs of this world: for goodwill, justice, and peace among all people. We remember those who are poor and those who are homeless, those who are cold and hungry, those who are unemployed, those who are sick, those who mourn, those who are lonely or unloved, and those who live and serve within harm's reach. We remember before God all those who rejoice with us, those who serve in the nearer presence of God, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in Christ we are one forever.

Continuing a tradition of Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, **the Special Christmas Offering** has been designated by the Faith in Action Commission and the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry to support the mission and ministry of The Haven of Grace, a residential and aftercare program that provides a safe, nurturing and educational environment for homeless, pregnant women. By focusing time and resources on mothers and newborn children, The Haven helps individuals become established families in the community. Key to this endeavor is a belief in the power of hope and in the dignity of every person.

**Please use the Christmas Offering envelopes** if you wish to support this ministry in our community.

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We who have seen the star and heard the angels sing are called to participate in the new birth and new world proclaimed by these stories. The birth stories are not a pipe dream, but a proclamation that what we see revealed in Jesus is the way—the way to a different kind of life and a different future...God will not change the world without our participation....

(Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, *The First Christmas*.)

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST Four o'clock in the afternoon

### PRELUDE

Noels "Noel Etranger" Louis Daquin 1694-1772  
"Noel Grand Jeu et Duo"

## THE WORD OF GOD

### HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Adeste fideles*

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;

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

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest; *Refrain.*

See how the shepherds, Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
We too will thither Bend our joyful foot-steps; *Refrain.*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing; *Refrain.*

### A BIDDING PRAYER – (All are invited to stand.)

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST: We have gathered here to remember a story of the first Christmas, a coming of peace and light into the world.

Let us recall the needs in our world for peace and justice, for the mission and unity of the Church, for our bishops and clergy and those committed to their care, as well as those who do not know the love of Jesus Christ.

We remember those who are poor and those who are homeless, those who are cold and those who are hungry, those who are oppressed, and those who are sick, those who mourn, those who are lonely and those who feel unloved, those who are aged and all children.

Let us humbly offer to the throne of heaven these prayers and praises as we kneel in silence and ask for God's infinite goodness and mercy.

**A CONFESSION OF SIN** – *(All are invited to kneel.)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

**THE ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sin through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Please remain seated throughout the Pageant until the Collect of the Day.  
Please join in the singing of the hymns.*

**THE GOSPEL PAGEANT**

**In The Beginning**

**A READING** from the Gospel according to Matthew 1: 18-25

**CHORISTERS**

Michael Praetorius

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen	There is a flower springing
Aus einer Wurzel zart,	From tender roots it grows,
Als uns die Alten sungun:	From Eden beauty bringing
Aus Jesse Kam die Art;	From Jesse's stem a rose. On
Und hat ein Blumlein bracht,	his green branch it blows:
Mitten im kalten Winter,	A bud that in cold winter,
Wohl zu der halben Nacht.	At midnight will unclose.

**The Birth of Jesus**

**A READING** from the Gospel according to Luke 2: 1-7

**CHORISTERS**

16th c. German Carol

A boy was born in Bethlehem; Rejoice for that Jerusalem! Alleluya.  
For low he lay within a stall, Who rules forever over all: Alleluya.  
Then praise the Word of God who came,  
To dwell within a human frame; Alleluya.  
And praise be God in threefold might, And glory bright,  
Eternal, good and infinite! Alleluya.

**The Angels Appear To The Shepherds**

**A READING** from the Gospel according to Luke 2: 8

**A HYMN** – *Congregation*

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

**A READING** from the Gospel according to Luke 2: 9-12

**A HYMN** – *Congregation*

Carol

It came upon a midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From heav'n's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

**A READING** from the Gospel according to Luke 2: 13-14

**A HYMN** – *Congregation*

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## The Manger

A **READING** from the Gospel according to Luke 2: 15

A **HYMN** - *Congregation*

Traditional

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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 side until morning is nigh.

A **READING** from the Gospel according to Luke 2: 16-19

**CHORISTERS**

English traditional carol

The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown:

The holly bears a berry,  
As red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To do poor sinners good:

*The rising of the sun and the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom,  
As white as the lily flower,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To be our sweet Savior:

The holly bears a prickle,  
As sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
On Christmas Day in the morn:

*(The congregation is invited to kneel.)*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray, saying together:

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.**

A **HYMN** – *(Remain kneeling.)*

Holy Night

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.

## EXCHANGING THE PEACE

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Reginald Jacques

“Good King Wenceslas”

*The Choristers and their parents*

*David Decker-Solo*

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even:  
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.  
‘Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou knowest it, telling,  
Yonder peasant who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?’ ‘Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
underneath the mountain, Right against the forest fence,  
by Saint Agnes’ fountain.’  
‘Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither:  
Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither.’  
Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together;  
Through the rude wind’s wild lament and the bitter weather.  
‘Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger;  
Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer.’  
‘Mark my footsteps good my page, tread thou in them boldly:  
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage freeze thy blood less coldly.’  
In his master’s steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted.  
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.  
Therefore Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing,  
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

## THE HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

*(All stand and sing.)*

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

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

Antioch

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, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this as often as you drink it for the remembrance of me."

Loving God, recalling your great goodness given to us in Christ, his birth and life, suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Send your Holy Spirit among us that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for service in your kingdom.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING—*(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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth. You are the Source of all life and goodness. Through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away, you called us back, giving your Son to share our human nature. In him, the light which shines for all has come into the world, and he has become one with us that we may become one with you.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glorious name, for ever praising you and singing,

**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.**

*(The people may stand or kneel.)*

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

*(All)* **To you, Gracious God, be glory for ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*(All are invited to receive the Sacrament.)*

## MUSIC DURING THE ADMINISTRATION

"What Child Is This"

"The Snow Lay On The Ground"

"In The Bleak Midwinter"

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

## A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING—*Congregation*

**Generous Lord, in word and sacrament we have proclaimed the mystery of your love. Help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

### HYMN IN PROCESSION

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 angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity.

Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.*

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,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings,  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace.

*Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.*

### THE DISMISSAL

*Priest:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

### POSTLUDE

Louis Daquin 1694-1772

“Noel Suisse”

## FLOWERS AND GREENS

are given to the Glory of God, by:

Francie Jones, in loving memory of William B. Jones, Jr.

Deborah Zacher, in memory of the Reverend Allan Zacher, Ph.D.

Lotsie and Rick Holton and Signa and Bob Hermann,  
in loving memory of Lilly Busch Hermann,  
Christy Busch Hermann, and Jean Evelyn Hermann.

Douglas Adderton, Jerre Edwards, Jane and Ed Mellers and Family,  
and Russ and Joan Edwards and Family,  
in memory of Susan Frances Adderton and Lloyd Edwards.

Bill and Frances Gay, in memory of Merle and Louise Adkins  
and Bill and Marion Gay.

Matt, Rachel, Henri and Harper Sokolich, with love—  
in memory of Helen “Nanny” Bascomb, Marco “Papa” Sokolich  
and Marc “Dad” Sokolich.

Kelly Carlson, in memory of Ron and Pete Carlson,  
Drew Kerkering, and Karl and Elsie Entsminger.

Connie Lohr, in thanksgiving for  
Stacey and Bob, Wilson, Campbell, Harper and Walker Graves;  
Sabrina Lohr; and Anita and Roy Beal;  
and in loving memory of Jason K. Lohr.

Katie and Charlie Claggett, in thanksgiving for their daughters.

Ginny Crawford, in memory of her husband, Jim.

Bettie Johnson, in thanksgiving for her family.

Jim and Alicia Moses, in thanksgiving for their twenty-fifth anniversary.

The Reck Family, in loving memory of William F. Reck, Jr.

The Lindsay and Schellenberg Families, in memory of Nancy S. Lindsay.

Mike and Nancy Grimes, in thanksgiving for  
their families being together at Christmas.

The Carnal Family, in memory of Jean-Jacques Carnal  
and his grandson, Will Carnal.

Ganka and Boss, in thanksgiving for Hall, Madison, Ellie, Cooper,  
Scottie, Grace, Layne and Tatum.

Wendy Olk, in thanksgiving for her children—  
Hillary and Scott Dutcher, Nate Olk and Molly Olk;  
and for her friends—especially Annie, Christy, Karen and Susan.

David and Kathleen Stevens, in thanksgiving for their fiftieth wedding  
anniversary, and for their three children and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. David J. Newbern, in thanksgiving for Marilyn and George Koob,  
Lisa and Jon Clyne, and Lauren and Brady Tomlinson.

Lisa Reynolds, in thanksgiving for the Playgroup children, families and staff.

Laura and Charlie Barnes, in memory of their fathers  
—Donald Danforth, Jr. and William Barnes, III;  
and in thanksgiving for their children—Billy, Charlie and Kate.

Sarah and Geoff Partlow, in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

Mary and Frank Rassieur, in thanksgiving for their children  
—The McDonalds, Martins, Medarys, T. Rassieurs and B. Rassieurs;  
and for their grandchildren—Matt, Rebecca, Koehler, Toby, Charles, John,  
Katie, Ben, Will, Tee, Nick, Karen and Emily.

Louise Wilson, in thanksgiving for her children,  
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ray and June Sellenriek.

Dan and Susan Schettler, in memory of Alwin, Meta and William Schettler and  
Ron Mende; and in thanksgiving for their children—Brian, Maranda and John.

The Ferrie Family, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Maise  
and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ferrie.

Jim and Mary Schreiber, in thanksgiving for their grandchildren  
—Tommy, Kaitlyn and Jimmy.

S. William Aitken, in memory of parents and grandparents  
and Patricia Ann Aitken.

Susie and Wes Horner, Andrew and Ben Heitner, and Mead, Jim, William,  
Ellie and Josie Ploszay, in memory of Sandy Heitner.

Annie Schlafly, in memory of George and Ellen Conant.

Jim and Betty Freeman, in memory of Charles and Helen Schack  
and J. Arthur and Frances Freeman;  
and in thanksgiving for the clergy of Saint Peter's Church.

Patricia Hecker, in thanksgiving for her family.

Beth Woods Bradbury, in memory of  
Marjorie Hawkins Woods and John Riner Woods;  
and in thanksgiving for her children—Beth, Meg, Slade and Trask,  
and grandchildren—Dean, Jeremy, Sophie, Hannah, Parshall and Charlotte.

Robert and Linda Jones, in honor of Clara Pevril's ninetieth birthday;  
and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

Julie B. Cowhey, in memory of Julia Hudson Freund and S. E. Freund;  
and in thanksgiving for Henry Buhl Cowhey.

Ed, Karen, Amy, Emily, Kristie and Meredith,  
in loving memory of Doug Horner and Dottie Hempstead.

Audrey, Karen, Debbie, Emily and Meredith,  
in loving memory of Bill Smith, Barbara Smith, Dick Deglman,  
Doug Horner, Jim Wilson, and Alma and Bill Frank.

Robert and Louise Harre, in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

Kathy and Jim Snowden, in loving memory of  
Marie K. and James M. Snowden, and George Y. Wheeler.

Sarah Bryan Miller and Eleanor M. Rix,  
in memory of Eleanor Cosens Simons Miller.

Constance Peterson Schnuck, in memory of John and Carolyn Peterson.

Emmy and Jim Purdy, in thanksgiving for their family.

Mrs. John K. Lilly and The Roland Hoerr Family,  
in memory of William G. Moore, Jr.

Katy Mullins, Megan, Tim, Zach, Keke, Lily and Timmy,  
in memory of Norma Zachritz.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church is a Christian community dedicated to knowing and serving God by: providing a haven for worship, education, spiritual nourishment, and fellowship; sharing our time, talents and resources with the broader community; and building trust and understanding among all people.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry, April 24, 2000

### “Work of Christmas”

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,  
To make music in the heart...

(Howard Thurman, *The Mood of Christmas*.)

## OUR STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT

We believe God is the source of all that we are and all that we have. These gifts are expressions of God's presence in the world. Therefore, we commit to being good stewards by:

- Living our faith and trusting God in support of our mission;
- Sharing our resources freely, abilities joyfully, and our time willingly;
- Holding God's standard of generosity as our standard of giving;
- Providing responsibly for our present mission and for future generations.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry, May 15, 2006