

St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico

Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



Compline
Christmas Eve 8:00 PM
December 24, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Book of Common Prayer

THE OPENING SENTENCE p. 127

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

The maker of heaven and earth.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN p. 127

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION p. 128

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O God make speed to save us.

Oh Lord, make haste to help us.

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

PSALM 97

p. 726

1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

3 A fire goes before him
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**4 His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees it and is afraid.**

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.**

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before him, all you gods.

**8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.**

9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

**10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous,
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy Name.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS

p. 132

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Keep us, O Lord as the apple of your eye;
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come to 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.**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

**Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

**A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

Amen.

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch
with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
Amen.



In memory of and grateful thanksgiving for the life of William E. Zorumski by
Caryle H. Zorumski

In memory of my sister Bea Sandoval with Love, Julia Jiron

