



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020

Prelude *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*..... arr. Wilber Held

Priest: Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be for all people. For you is born this night, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

People: *Behold the tabernacle of God is with His people, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His, and God shall be with them, and be their God.*

The Gloria

The 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.*

The Collect for Christmas

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Priest: 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 Word of God

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Sequence Anthem *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*Diocesan Choir

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. J. Paul Board

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory: *"Christmas Lullaby"* John Ness Beck
 (Bill Fayerweather and Jane Weber)

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymn *"What Child Is This"* H115

Prayer for Spiritual Communion from *The Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

In Union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen*

The Post Communion Prayer [BCP 366]

Hymn of Thanksgiving *"Silent Night"* [Hymnal 111]

The Blessing

Priest: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who cares over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn *"Joy to the World"*Diocesan Choir

Dismissal

Postlude *"Glory to God in the Highest"*.....Giovanni Pergolesi