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THE LEAFLET

1712 St. Peter's Church 2020

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THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY
DECEMBER 24, 2020 ~ *Online YouTube Service*



Madonna of the Fir Tree, 1925

*Marianne Stokes (1855-1927), Tempera and oil on gesso on board
Private Collection ~ The Bridgeman Art Library*

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

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**TODAY'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE
TO VIEW ON YOUTUBE. PLEASE COPY AND PASTE
THE FOLLOWING LINK IN YOUR BROWSER:**

<https://youtu.be/EEjEUyzcJWI>

PRELUDE	IN DULCI JUBILO	MARCEL DUPRÉ
+ HYMN	83 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL	ADESTE FIDELES
+ COLLECT FOR PURITY		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ SUMMARY OF THE LAW		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
+ HYMN	96 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH	GLORIA
COLLECT OF THE DAY		SEE INSERT
FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 9:2-4, 6-7
PSALM		PSALM 96:1-4, 11-12
THE EPISTLE		TITUS 2:11-14
+ HYMN	87 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING	MENDELSSOHN
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		LUKE 2:1-20
SERMON ~ THE REV. PAUL J. HARTT, RECTOR		
+ THE NICENE CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 327
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 328
THE GENERAL CONFESSION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 330
ABSOLUTION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
THE PEACE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM	MORTEN LAURIDSEN
+ SANCTUS / BENEDICTUS	A CHRISTMAS SERVICE	NEIL KEEN
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 334
AGNUS DEI	KEEN	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION MOTET	SING LULLABY	BASQUE CAROL
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
CANDLE LIGHTING CAROL	AWAY IN A MANGER	ARR. D. WILLCOCKS
HYMN (SUNG KNEELING)	111 SILENT NIGHT	STILLENACHT

THE DECORATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH are given to the **Glory of God**
and in **Loving Memory of the Faithful Departed and in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings**
(See the Memorial Leaflet)

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

+ **HYMN**

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POSTLUDE

PRELUDE IN B MAJOR, OP. 7

MARCEL DUPRÉ

(+ **ALL STANDING**)

~ **Parish Notes** ~

Newcomers: If you are interested in receiving more information about St. Peter's Church or if you would like to be added to the church directory please feel free to call the church office at (518)434-3502.

Christmas Day Service: There will be no service held tomorrow, Christmas Day, December 25th.

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed tomorrow, Friday ~ December 25th, Monday ~ December 28th and next Friday ~ January 1st, respectively.

Pledge Cards: Pledge cards for 2021 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please take a minute to complete your card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during the service. Pledges can also be made on the St. Peter's website at www.stpeterschurchalbany.org by clicking on the "Get your pledge card" button. You may also call the church office and we would be more than happy to complete a card for you. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card or pledged online.

Readers for the Online YouTube Video Services: We are looking for members of St. Peter's who would like to participate in the taped readings for our Online YouTube Video Services. If you are interested please call the church office at (518)434-3502 for more information.

Sunday Service Videos: Every Sunday a filmed Sunday Service from inside St. Peter's Church with Fr. Hartt or Mtr. Sue is available for your viewing. Each service also contains music from the St. Peter's Choir. Every Sunday, St. Peter's parishioners are emailed the YouTube Video Link. Please let us know if you would like to be added to our email list. Each video is also published on the church website on Sunday morning for that day as well as on the St. Peter's Church Facebook page. The weekly leaflet and readings for each Sunday are also available on the church website as well. Click on the "Info Center" tab and then click on "Weekly Leaflet" or "Weekly Readings" and then click on the appropriate date for each. Both the leaflet and readings can be printed out so that you may follow along. Today's YouTube Service Video link is: <https://youtu.be/EEjEUyzcJWI>

Please remember in your prayers: Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Moriah, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Lucille Esposito, Tony Esposito, Donna Hershey, Liam, Doreen Johnson, Chrisy Judge, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Deej Patterson, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Frank Spath, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Sonya, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

4:30PM Holy Communion
10:00PM Holy Communion

Friday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day

Office Closed
No Services

Children's Videos: Every Sunday we feature a Sunday School Lesson video and a Children's Homily video for you to watch from home. The YouTube Video Links are emailed to you every Sunday along with the Sunday Service video. Please let us know if you would like to be added to our email list. The videos are also available on the church website home page under the St. Peter's Church Facebook section. Blessings until we can be together again at Church. If you have any questions, please call Laura Rulison at (518)368-4284.

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer Videos: Please visit the St. Peter's Facebook page for a daily Morning Prayer video with Mtr. Sue and a daily Evening Prayer video with Fr. Hartt. You can also access the church's Facebook Page through the St. Peter's Church website's home page.

Prayer Book and Bible at Home. Family Devotions are a great comfort. Our Tradition encourages the use of the Prayer Book and Bible in this way. The Service of Morning Prayer begins on page 41. You can also go online to hear a spoken Daily Office at: <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/spoken/spoken.html>

Resources for Home Worship: The Episcopal Diocese wants to encourage you to worship from home while this health crisis unfolds and to do so they have compiled a resource list for you. By no means does this list provide all available resources, but it does give you a number of options to guide you in your home worship. You may also reach out to your parish clergy for ideas and suggestions. These resources can be found on the Albany Diocese's website at: <https://albanvepiscopaldiocese.org/worship-resources-during-covid-19-pandemic/>



Merry Christmas