



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 29, 2019

The Service of the Word

Opening Prelude: “A Christmas Medley”
Samuel Klauss (piano)

Entrance Hymn 100: “Joy to the World”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise-96: (v. 1) “Angels 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.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

The First Reading: *Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21: (read responsively by whole verse)

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Sequence Hymn 105: “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

The Gospel Reading: *John 1:1-18*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light,

but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

Sermon

“Let Your Light Shine”

Jen Leahey

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped & glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

(*Fun Fact: “catholic” means universal)

Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; for our priests and our bishops; and for all people and ministers. Pray for the Church. - *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace throughout the world. - *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. Pray especially for all those who are on our Prayer List and in any need or trouble. - *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. - *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially and for those who miss them. Pray for those who have died. - *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. - *Silence*

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

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 Peace: Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversaries



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. If you wish to receive a **gluten-free** wafer, please simply request one from the priest while at the rail.*

Offertory 87: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”
All Join Together to Sing

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 367 BCP)
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.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus: S-130 (in front section of blue hymnal)
*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father.
People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Communion Hymn: “I Love You Lord
*I love you Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy my King, in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Communion Hymn 93: “Angels from the Realm of
Glory”

Communion Hymn 89: “It Came Upon a Midnight
Clear”

Post Communion Prayer (p. 366 BCP)
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

And for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our
Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 99: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

The Dismissal

Closing Voluntary: “Christmas Medley
Samuel Klauss (piano)

Flower Dedications

In Honor of Craig & Rachel Iversen's 28th Wedding Anniversary

Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer:

Adam, Andy, Ann; Ariel; Barbara, Bob, Bonnie, CatherinM.; Catherine Z.; Cecil, Chris, Cindy, Dan D.; Debbie, Destinee, Don, Elsie, Fr. Glenn, Frances, Fred, Grace, Jason, Jennifer, Jim, Judy F., Judy G., Julie, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Lana, Linda E., Linda M., Luke Allen, Matthew, Melissa, Mike, Neta, Pat, Polly, Ron, Russell, Sarah; Sherry Jo, Sherry, Steve, Susan, Teresa, Teresa L., Susan, Terry, Tif, Tom.

Military

Adam Zigler, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase and Morgan Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez,

Kathy Jensen, Kevin Kahl, Lance Breeding, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

Great Expectations

For the coming birth of a baby to Clay & Tiffanie Coleman

Repose of the Soul

Fr. George Gilbert
Margaret Baker

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