



The First Sunday After Christmas  
December 27, 2020

## The Service of the Word

### Temporary Safety Rules

- ✠ Be joyful, grateful, and blessed!
- ✠ **Please wear mask** as much as possible and certainly anytime you are not seated.
- ✠ Bathroom: please only one person in a bathroom at a time.

**Opening Voluntary:** Christmas Medley  
*Stephanie Backes (clarinet)*  
*Noah Klauss (cello)*  
*Samuel Klauss (piano)*

### Opening Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

*While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light*

*Refrain  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

*Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn (Refrain)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. To us a child is born.  
*People* **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

### 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*

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

### The First Reading: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded  
under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the  
law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we  
might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come,

we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when  
the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of  
a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those  
who were under the law, so that we might receive  
adoption as children. And because you are children, God  
has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,  
"Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child,  
and if a child then also an heir, through 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: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.*

*Refrain:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

## 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

Leanne Whalen  
*We Are Known*

## 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.*

## Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. 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. *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. *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. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Praise God for all of the blessings of this life. Praise Him especially for this time, in which we celebrate the love He showed the world in becoming a lowly baby in a manger. Pray that we may always know His love. *Silence*

Let us now pray for our additional needs and those of others. *Silence*

## The Confession *Altogether*

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



# 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.

## Offertory: “O, Holy Night”

*Noah Klauss (cello)*  
*Samuel Klauss (piano)*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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

*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.*

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

## Prayer for Grace and Blessing

Loving God, while I cannot receive your Holy Communion at this time, I sincerely ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon me now and upon all of your children. Fill me, sustain me, and lead me with your life-giving Grace and strength, today and forever. *Amen.*

## Communion Hymn: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

*Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.*

*Refrain:*  
*Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Though an Infant now we view Him,  
He shall fill His Father’s throne,  
Gather all the nations to Him;  
Every knee shall then bow down:*

*All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To th’eternal Three in One.*

## Post Communion Prayer

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: “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”

*There’s a star in the East on Christmas morn,  
Rise up shepherd and follow.  
It will lead to the place where Christ was born.  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*Refrain:*  
*Follow, Follow,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow  
Follow, Follow  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*If you take good heed to the angel’s words;  
Rise up, shepherd and follow.  
You’ll forget your flocks, you’ll forget your herds;  
Rise up, shepherd and follow. (Refrain)*

## The Dismissal

**Closing Voluntary:** *Emma Reese (violin)*  
*Maggie Hurd (viola)*

# Your Sermon Notes

## Prayer List

### Requested Prayer

Adam, Adam D., Aly & Baby Logan, Barbara, Betty J., Betty W., Bobbie, Bobby, Brad, Brenda, Catherine, Fr. Chris, Christian, Christina, Christy Clark, Cindy, Dana, Darlene, David H., David I., Debrah, Drew, Ellie, Elsie, Emme, Emet, Erick, Faith, Fay, Fred, Grace, Jackie, James, Jamie, Jan, Jean, Jennifer W., Jessica, Jillian, Joey, John B., John G., Jordan, Joseph, Jude, Judy G., Karen, Kayla; Kelly, Ken, Kevin, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Laya, Leola, Linda E., Linda M., Lorrie, Luke Allen, Max, Melissa, Neta, Pat, T., Patrick B., Paula, K., Paula M., Peggy, Ralph, Sarah, Selene, Sherry Jo, Sherry, Stacie, Sue, Susan C., Susan K., Teresa K., Teresa L., Thalia, Tif, Tom, Tony B., Tony K., The O'Neill Family, The Perez, The Schuler Family, The Walls Family, The Youth, & Wendy

### Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden,

Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, Jason Wine, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

### Repose of the Soul

Polly O'Neill

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Americans who have died from COVID-19

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