



The Second Sunday After Christmas
January 3, 2021

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
Samuel Klauss (piano)

Opening Hymn: “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star*

Refrain

*Oh, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light*

*Born a king on Bethlehem's plain
Gifts we bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign (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: *Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before
the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless

before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his
children through Jesus Christ, according to the good
pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace
that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your
love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not
cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my
prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom
and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with
the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what
is the hope to which he has called you, what are the
riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and
what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us
who believe.

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

Psalm: 84:1-8 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the
living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a
nest where she may lay her young; by the side of
your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my
God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will
always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it
a place of springs, for the early rains have
covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God
of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

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.

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The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

People ***Glory to you Lord Christ.***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

Sermon

Rev. Roger Hungerford

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; 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. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

Offertory: “The Holly and the Ivy”
Stephanie Backes (clarinet)

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People ***Christ has died.***
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again..

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: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!*

*Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Risen healing in his wings,
Light and life to all he brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Off-spring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
Hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!*

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

*God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray;*

*Refrain:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*From God our heav'nly Father,
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The son of God by name, (Refrain)*

*The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm, and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The Son of God to find. (Refrain)*

Closing Voluntary: Samuel Klauss (piano)

Your Sermon Notes



Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Adam, D., Adam L., Aly & Baby Logan, Barbara, Barbara Joe, Betty J. Betty W., Bobbie, Bobby, Brenda, Catherine, Fr. Chris, Christian, Christina, Christy Clark, Cindy, Dana, Darlene, David H., David I., Debbie, Debrah, Drew, Ellie, Elsie, Emme, Ernest, Erick, Faith, Fay, Fred, Grace, Jackie, James, Jamie, Jan, Jean, Jeff, Jennifer W., Jerry, Jessica, Jillian, Joey, John B., John G., Jordan, Joseph, Judy G., Karen, Kayla; Kelly, Ken, Kevin, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Laya, Leola, Linda E., Linda M., Lorrie, Luke Allen, Mary, Max, Melissa, Neta, Pat, T., Patrick B., Paula, K., Paula M., Peggy, Ralph, Robin, Sarah, Selene, Sherry Jo, Sherry, Stacie, Sue, Teresa K., Thalia, Tif, Tom, Tony B., Tony K., The Rowland 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

The Rev. G. Teresa Leifur
Marilouise Bill

Americans who have died from COVID-19

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