

Morning Prayer and Carols for the 1st Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

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Prelude

Announcements

All stand as they are able

The Officiant says

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 93

Angels from the realms of glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in
all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Invitatory

Presider Alleluia. To us a child is born;
People **O come, let us adore him Alleluia.**

Venite *Psalm 95*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**
For you are a great God, *
you are great above all gods.
**In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.**
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Alleluia. To us a child is born:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

The people are seated

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹⁰I 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.

¹¹For 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.

^{62:1}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.

²The 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.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Here ends the reading.

Remain seated

Canticle 16: *The song of Zechariah*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *
born of the house of your servant David.

**Through your holy prophets you promised of old
to save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us,**



in the Word. And the Word was God e-
 morn- ing dawned. And that light is ev- er
 touched God's own. In our like-ness here a-



-ter nal, source of all that came to be.
 burn- ing, bright-ness nev- er o- ver- come.
 -mong us, dwells the Word of God made flesh.



Je- sus is that Word e- ter- nal.
 Je- sus is that Light e- ter- nal.
 Je- sus is that Word in- car- nate.



Je- sus is the Word of life.

The people are seated

Third Reading

John 1:1-18

A Reading from John.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(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.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Here ends the reading.

All stand as they are able.

Carol

Hymnal 81

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern them and uphold them, now and always.
 V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
 V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
 V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
 V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

Presider All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened in his dawning. Trusting in the light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world, saying: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the churches, that united in life they may be faithful in witness to your Son come among us: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations, that they may turn from ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For the poor of the earth, for the victims of warfare that their mourning may be turned into joy: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For all families, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. For all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at Church of the Redeemer, Southfield, St Paul's, Brighton, and Good Samaritan, San Francisco, in the Dominican Republic, that they may rejoice in

your mercy and faithfully teach the greatness of your coming among us: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For this assembly; for all with which you continually bless us [especially _____]; for the sick [especially for _____]; for those who have died [especially _____]; and for ourselves, that we may be renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate Word: **Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Presider Rejoicing in the company of Mary, mother of our Lord, Joseph, her spouse, St Barnabas, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we offer these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people are seated

Carols!

<i>Good Christian friends, rejoice</i>	<i>verses 1 and 2</i>	Hymnal 107
<i>Away in a manger</i>	<i>verses 1 and 2</i>	Hymnal 101
<i>It came upon the midnight clear</i>	<i>verses 1 and 4</i>	Hymnal 90
<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	<i>verses 1 and 5</i>	Hymnal 78

Carols may then be suggested by the congregation, stating the Hymnal number and the two verses desired to be sung.

A General Thanksgiving

The Presider says

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Accept our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. **Amen**

Concluding Hymn

Joy to the world!

Hymnal 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the love of the Father who created us, rejoicing in the Son who was born on earth for us, and in the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Faith in Action continues to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive at the church** is **January 16, 2022**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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A reminder that our Social Time is active every Tuesday evening from 7:00-7:30 on Zoom! The link can be found on the church web site calendar, and also here:

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Upcoming Commemorations

- December 26 Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
- 27 John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 28 The Holy Innocents
- 29 Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1170
- 30 Frances Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Social Reformer, 1934; and, Samuel Ajayi Crowther: Bishop in the Niger Territories, 1891

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Isaiah 61:10-62:3

It is clear in the prophecy given to Isaiah that God intends for his people Israel to be a beacon to other nations. The strong imagery of “garland,” “jewels,” “crown,” and “diadem” bespeak a richness that God bestows upon those who are faithful to him. But these riches adorn his people for a single purpose: they are meant to be a sign to those who do not yet know the God of Israel. The gifts which God graciously

gives his people are meant to draw others into relationship with him. The salvation we receive from the Father is meant not as a vindication of ourselves in the face of those who are perishing, but as a means to bring salvation to them. God intends Israel to be a torch to light the path for others.

- What gifts has God bestowed upon you? How might you use those gifts to draw others to God?

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Paul’s epistle to the Galatian Church recognizes both the merit and limitations of “the law” – before the coming of Christ, the law stood as the means of covenant and relationship between Israel and God. The law was the previous means of claiming God as Father, but through his son, we may now claim in a truer sense to be sons and daughters of God the Father. Because the Word of God has taken our human flesh, our humanity is free to be united to the Father in a new way.

- Does our claim on God the Father free us from our responsibility to his law?
- To what are we heirs? What responsibilities does that heirship lay upon us?

John 1:1-18

John’s Gospel account varies greatly from the accounts of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). Far more concerned with theological notions than the narratives that drive the other three accounts, his prologue jumps feet-first into some deep waters. Much of our understanding of the relationship between the Father and the Son, as expressed in the creeds of the Church, is drawn directly from this prologue. Recalling the creation story of Genesis, John assures us of the nature and authority of the Word who takes upon himself our human flesh, in order that he might live among us—and that we might truly live. The Word made flesh in the person of Jesus Christ calls us to grow into the lives he wills for us and to accept God as our Father. As in the letter to the Galatians, we see that the Son has come to fulfill what could not be realized by the law alone: true relationship with God the Father.

- What does John mean when he writes, “He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him”? How might this be related to the statements about “the law” in both John and Galatians?
- In what ways do our lives in Christ witness to his power? What is one concrete way that you might testify to the light of Christ?

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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.

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