

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2020 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

While we're unable to be in church together, we gather today as the church, the Body of Christ. Wherever you are, we hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, prayer, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and receiving spiritual communion. May God richly bless you as you bless us!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Wilbur Held



All stand as able at the sound of the tower bell.

HYMN (sung by all, next page)

Angels from the realms of glory

(HYMNAL 93)



First page of John's Gospel from the Coronation Gospels, c. 10th century

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
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 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;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 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,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

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

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presiding Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria



Glo - ry be to God on high,
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,



To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds
Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,
Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er



draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.
hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.
and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o! in ex - cel - sis De o!

Presiding Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presiding Priest Let us pray.

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

READER: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

THE RESPONSE (remain seated, read responsively)

Psalms 147:13-21

- 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!


READER: *A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians*

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 HYMN (sung by all) *What child is this* (HYMNAL 115, sts, 1 & 2 only)

Verses




1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are




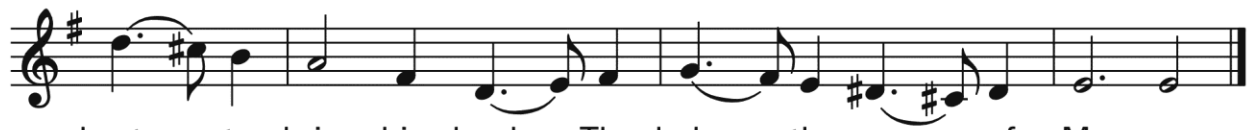
1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The

Retrain



1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.



King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,

 haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837-1898.

Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE SERMON

Jim Friedrich

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

THE NICENE CREED

Presiding Priest and People

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 and 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people pray responsively

Loving and gracious God, on this most holy season we bring to you our deepest hopes:

For the unity and faithful witness of your Church throughout the world,
that our common life may manifest the love and blessing
which you desire for the whole human family, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For all who exercise power in the nations and economies of the world,
that their actions may be guided by wisdom, justice and compassion, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For those who live in situations of conflict, violence and oppression,
especially the peoples of the Holy Land, those on our own borders,
and for all who work for justice, freedom, reconciliation and peace, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For deliverance from the shadows of hate and fear,
that the Light of Christ may dispel every darkness,
and bring the dawn of human flourishing, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For refugees and immigrants, and for the homeless,
that like the Holy Family they may find places of welcome and shelter, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit,
that they may find confidence and hope in their troubles;
and for all who minister to them in the name of the healing Christ, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For those who are experiencing loss, or grief, or sadness, that your unquenchable love may lighten their
darkness; give them the comforting balm of your healing touch, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For those who have not felt your closeness,
and those who do not yet know how dearly you love them,
that they too may receive the blessing of this holy season, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For the precious web of life, that we may respect all created beings, live gently on the earth, and see the divine beauty in the world you have made, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For ourselves, that we may see the face of Christ in one another, and show forth Christ's love in everything we do, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For everyone whose needs and yearnings are in our hearts today, especially those we now name . . . [*the people offer particular names and concerns*]

We pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

For all who have died, especially those we now name . . . [*the people offer particular names*] that in communion with all the saints they may forever rejoice in your presence; grant them your peace, and let light perpetual shine upon them, we pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

In thanks and praise for the Incarnation of your beloved Christ, who has shown us the fullness of our true humanity, we offer ourselves, all that we have and all that we are, that your Kingdom may come to dwell in our hearts and in our stories. We pray to you:

*Loving God, **hear our prayer.***

The Presider concludes with this collect:

Living in hope, praying fervently for all who are suffering with COVID, and all who are suffering any injustice, and rejoicing in communion with the ever-blessed Mother of Jesus, Saint Barnabas, and the saints in every generation who have shone with the light of Christ, we praise you, God who loves us. For when we ask, you give; when we seek, you show the way; when we knock, you open. Praise to you for your unfailing grace. Make us now your faithful people, we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presiding Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain seated. When we're together in church, an offering of money is collected.

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HYMN

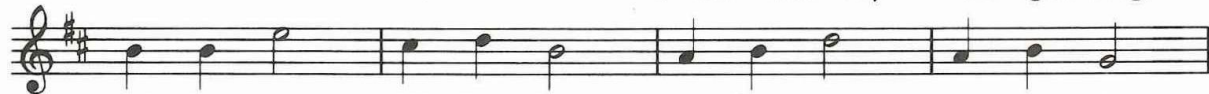
On this day earth shall ring

(HYMNAL 92)

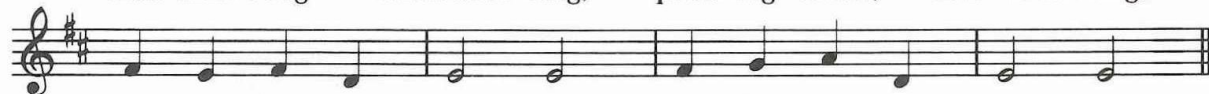
The congregation sings the refrain: "Ideo (ee-deh-oh) gloria in excelsis Deo!"



1 On this day earth shall ring
2 His the doom, ours the mirth;
3 God's bright star, o'er his head,
4 On this day an - gels sing;



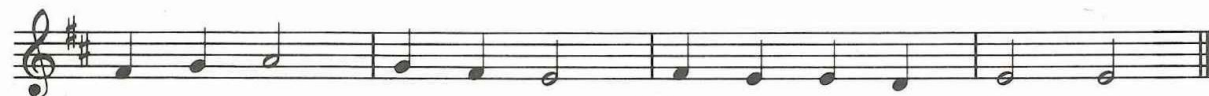
with the song chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,
when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;
Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,
with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,



born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.
lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.



Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,



Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

"Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"

Words: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929)

Music: *Personent hodie*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

666. 66 with Refrain



PRESENTATION ANTHEM

Presiding Priest All things come from you, O Lord,
People and of your own have we given you.

Presiding Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presiding Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presiding Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung by all)

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.____
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____
 hea - ven and earth are full,____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blest is the one who comes____ in the Name of the Lord.____ Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presiding Priest continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presiding Priest and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presiding Priest continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

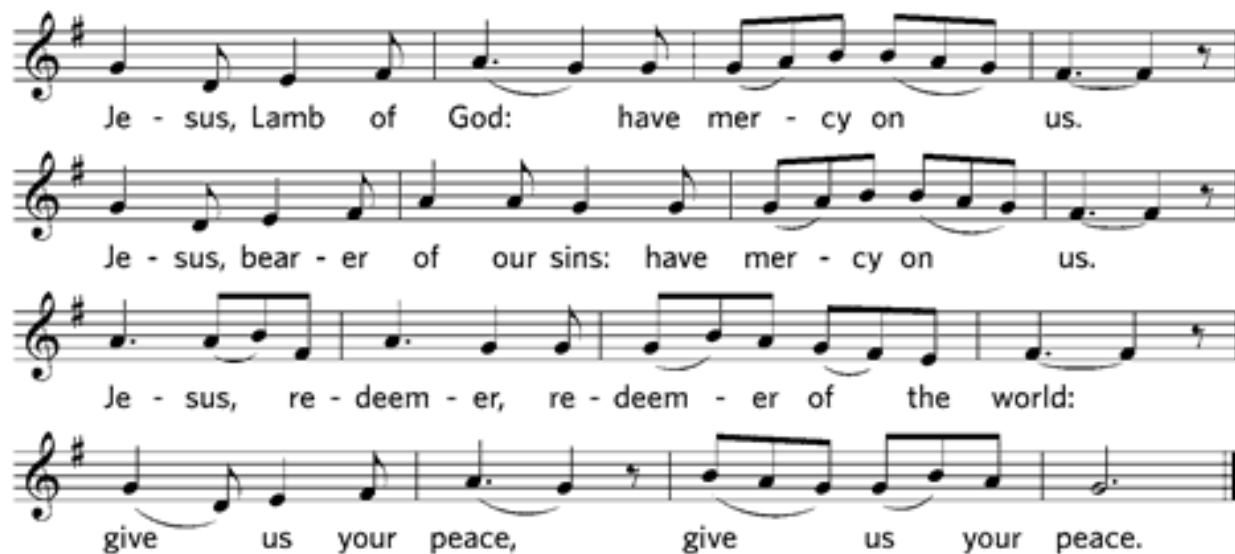
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.

ACCLAMATION AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (sung by all)

Franz Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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Let us pray.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

HYMN (sung by all, next page)

Away in a manger

(HYMNAL 101)

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING



HYMN (sung by all, next page)

Good Christian friends, rejoice

(HYMNAL 107)

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

PROCESSION

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Noel Suisse

L. C. D'Aquin

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