

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2021

The Prelude: Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head
The Snow Lay on the Ground
O Savior of Our Fallen Race
He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child

Appalachian carol, arr. Albin Whitworth
Charles Douglas & Leo Sowerby
Percy Carter Buck
French carol, arr. Dennis Alexander

Words of Welcome

The Opening Hymn: 128 We Three Kings of Orient Are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*Refrain: O 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, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God Most High.

Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies.

Refrain

Words and Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr.(1820-1891), alt.

The Officiant begins the service with one or more sentences of Scripture.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Officiant: Alleluia. To us a child is born:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Officiant and People

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant: Alleluia. To us a child is born:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 84:1-8

Read in unison.

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.

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.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

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.

They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

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.

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Officiant and People

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Adger Pace & R. Fisher Boyce

Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shining afar through shadows dim,
giving a light for those who long have gone (have gone); and guiding the wise men on their way
unto the place where Jesus lay, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on! (shine on!)

*Refrain: Oh, Beautiful Star (beautiful, beautiful star) of Bethlehem (Star of Bethlehem),
shine upon us until the glory dawns; (glory dawns); Oh, give us thy light to light the way
into the land of perfect day, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on! (shine on!)*

Oh, Beautiful Star, the hope of light, guiding the the pilgrim through the night,
over the mountain till the break of dawn(the dawn); and into the light of perfect day
it will give out a lovely ray, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on! (shine on!) *Refrain*

Oh, Beautiful Star, the hope of rest, for the redeemed, the good and blest,
yonder in glory when the crown is won, (is won), for Jesus is now that Star divine,
brighter and brighter Hewill shine, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on! (shine on!) *Refrain*

The Homily

The Reverend Carmen Germino

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant 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.

Suffrages A

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collects

The Officiant prays a series of Collects.

Parish Prayers and Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please read together the names on our list, when prompted.

Together we pray for: *Anne, Bill, Bill, Caroline, Christopher, Courtney, Deanna, Florence, Hilary, Jean, Jerry, Jim, Jim, Jim, Joe, John, Lauren, Mason, Michael, Nick, Pat, Rock, Sandy, the Seneca family, Stephanie.*

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: 109 The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star where-ever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the north west, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.
Then entered in those wise men three full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offer'd there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
that hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Words & Music: English carol, c. 15th cent. collected in *Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern*, 1833
Music: vs. 1 harm. John Stainer, 1871, vs. 2, 3, 4, & 5 arr. M. Presson, 2020, vs. 6 arr. Healey Willan, 1926

The Exchange of the Peace

The Postlude: Angels We Have Heard on High

French carol, arr. Matthew Corl

Musical Direction

John Bailey, Organist & Choirmaster
Matt Presson, Producer

St. Alban's Christmas Choir

William Andrews
Bob Boettger
Alison Boughrum
Valerie Colbert

Charles Emerich
Mary Emerich
Jenny Fowles
Phyllis Grayson

Sarah Hicks
Bruce Langhorne
Steve Lee
Julia Lloyd

Kevin Lloyd
Mary Pylipow
Jane Shoemaker
Jan Steever

Instrumentalists

John Bailey, organ/piano
Ben Haden, trumpet

Barbara Krumdieck, cello
David Wilson, violin