

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

The Prelude: "Winter" from *The Four Seasons*
The North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me (Psalm 139)

Early American tune

Words of Welcome

The Opening Hymn: 7 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: German tune (1524); adapt. and harmony
William Henry Havergal (1793-1870). Introduction harmony Anthony Baldwin © 1999.

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: The Lord has shown forth his glory:

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: The Lord has shown forth his glory:

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

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Read in unison.

**LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Officiant and People

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. 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

John 1:43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light;
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn who dwelt in death and night.

To hail thy rising, Sun of life, the gathering nations come,
joyous as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home.

To us the promised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey, and all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty God and Lord.

His power increasing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798) Music: Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

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.

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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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for 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: *Alison, Amy, Anne, Bill, Caroline, Charlotte, Christopher, Courtney, Deanna, Earl, Faith, Florence, Hilary, Jean, Jim, Joe, Liam, Mason, Pat, Sandra, Sandy, Stephanie, Tom, Wayne.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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: 535 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

PADERBORN

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol: his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right: All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never-ceasing and infinite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1717-1788), alt. Music: German tune (1765); harmony Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

The Exchange of the Peace

The Postlude: Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson

Guest Instrumentalists

Janelle Davis, Alice Culin Ellison, and David Wilson, *violin*
Marta Howard, *viola*
Barbara Krumdieck, *cello*
Barbara Weiss, *harpsichord*