

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II with LESSONS & CAROLS

The First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

The Word of God

The Prelude: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

German carol, piano arr. John Hillebrandt

The Processional Hymn: 96 Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

A Bidding Prayer:

Officiant:

Dear People of God: in this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem, and see the Son of God lying in the manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy child Jesus; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name those who are poor, helpless, cold, hungry, oppressed, sick, lonely, unloved, aged, little children, and those who mourn, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. We remember all those in our community in need of God's healing. Together we pray for: *Alison, Angie, Anne, Bob, Carol, Caroline, Chester, Courtney, Deanna, Deryl, Florence, Gray, Hilary, Jean, Jeanie, Mason, Norm, Sandy, Steve, Susan, the Venus family.*

Finally, let us remember before God his mother Mary, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, especially Alan Barringer, Mildred Brenneman, and Joe Havens, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15

Adam and Eve are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Carol: 89 It Came upon the Midnight Clear, Stanzas 1 & 3

CAROL

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by the prophet.

Carol: 67 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People, Stanzas 1 & 3

PSALM 42

The Third Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

Carol: 79 O Little Town of Bethlehem, Stanzas 1 & 5

ST. LOUIS

The Fourth Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4

God has spoken through a Son.

Carol: 82 Of the Father's Love Begotten, Stanzas 1 & 3

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

The Fifth Lesson: John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Carol: 83 O Come, All Ye Faithful, Stanzas 1 & 2

ADESTE FIDELIS

The Reflection

The Reverend Carmen Germino

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant 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 Exchange of the Peace

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: Angel's Carol

John Rutter

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256.

The Presentation of Gifts

At the Presentation: 111 In the Bleak Mid-Winter, Stanza 4

CRANHAM

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

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The Sursum Corda

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 our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

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

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:

The Sanctus

BCP p. 362; Hymnal S-125

Celebrant and People

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as

one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

Celebrant

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

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant 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.

The Fraction

BCP p. 364, Hymnal S-154

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

The Ministration of Communion

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The Communion Hymn: 101 Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

The Communion Hymn: 84 Love Came Down at Christmas

GARTAN

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is meant to be prayed by those who are unable to attend in-person worship for any reason.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The Recessional Hymn: 87 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

The Dismissal

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Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude: Once in Royal David's City

Henry Gauntlett, arr. John Innes