

**Morning Prayer – Rite II**  
**Christmas Day Service – Year B**

**December 25, 2020**

**Prelude:** “Joy to the World” and “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” - *Gebrcke*  
*Organist: Trish Rooneyb*

**Opening Hymn:** “Joy to the world!” **Hymn #100**

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| 1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:<br>let earth receive her King;<br>let every heart prepare him room,<br>and heaven and nature sing,<br>and heaven and nature sing,<br>and heaven, and heaven and nature sing. | 2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;<br>let us our songs employ,<br>while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,<br>repeat the sounding joy,<br>repeat the sounding joy,<br>repeat, repeat the sounding joy. |
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**Welcome and Announcements:**

*Officiant:* **B**lessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. To dispel the darkness of our night you sent forth your Son, the firstborn of all creation, to be the Christ, the light of the world. Rejoicing in the mystery of the Word made flesh, we acclaim him Emmanuel, as all creation sings to you: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Silence is kept.*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: ‘You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

**Confession**

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

**Officiant and People**

**M**ost merciful God,  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
In thought, word, and deed,  
By what we have done,  
And by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;

**that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

**A**lmighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

*Isaiah 62:6-12*

**U**pon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Here ends the Lesson.

### **Psalm 97**

**T**he Lord is King;

let the earth rejoice; \*

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*

righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

A fire goes before him \*

and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; \*

the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, \*

and all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images

and delight in false gods! \*

Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you are the Lord,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

## Hymn

“Of the Father’s love begotten”

Hymn #82

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| 1. Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,<br>He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,<br>Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,<br>Evermore and evermore! | 2. O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin full of grace,<br>By the Holy Ghose conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;<br>And the babe, the world’s Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,<br>Evermore and evermore! |
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## A Reading from Luke

*Luke 2:1-20*

**I**n those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in

her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Here ends the Lesson.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

### Meditation Hymn:

“Angels we have heard on high”

Hymn #96

1. Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## 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**

## Prayers of the People

**L**et us pray to Jesus our Savior.

Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless. Jesus, Savior,  
**hear our prayer.**

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.  
Jesus, Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.

Jesus, Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern. Jesus, Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you. Jesus, Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, Savior, child of Mary, you know us and love us, you share our lives and **hear our prayer.**

Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Christmas Day**

**A**lmighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

**O**ur 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.**

## Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

### Closing Hymn:

“Good Christian friends, rejoice”

Hymn #107

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

### Postlude:

“Joy to the World”

- Held

### Carol Sing:

### Hymn

“In the bleak mid-winter”

Hymn #112

1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
4. What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him--give my heart.

### Hymn

“Hark! the herald angels sing”

Hymn #87

1. Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
2. Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
Light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *(Refrain)*

**Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,  
glory to the newborn King!**

## Announcements

The church remains closed for worship during mitigation. There are no in-person meetings per Bishop Lee.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events!:

**Christmas Day 10 am**

**Christmas I & II 10:30**

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

**Aspire Presents:** Join us after the New Year on **Wednesday, January 6, at 7 pm**, for the fifth program in the series of “Not Your Ordinary Saints.” The program will be available via *Zoom (no masks or social distancing required)*. This is the fifth of the series that will highlight – Francis Perkins and will be presented by Millie Zimmerman and Ruth Cox. Go to [www.emmanuelrockford.org](http://www.emmanuelrockford.org) or follow our Facebook page for future dates and details.

**Virtual Trivia:** **Tuesday, January 12**, get your team together to play Trivia on Zoom \$10 per person. Sign up with Diane, don't worry if you don't have team, we will find you one.

Kacie Hackett's Trivia game raised \$10,000 for Restaurant Association of Washington Relief Fund, One Fair Wage Relief Fund, World Central Kitchen, and other relief funds for individuals in the restaurant and hospitality industry who have lost their jobs. As we enter “Season 2” of the trivia game, we’re raising money for housing security for those facing uncertainty from COVID-19. A full list of organizations that we’ve donated to are listed here.

**Book Club:** Diane is starting a Book Club which will **meet at 7 pm Wednesday, January 13th** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2990474775> - We will discuss Bishop Curry's book "Love is the Way" Hope you can join us!

**Church office will be closed from  
Monday, December 28 through Sunday, January 3, 2021**

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## Assisting in the Liturgy

10:00 a.m.

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