

Morning Prayer – Rite II

First Sunday after Christmas - Year B

December 27, 2020

Prelude: “Coventry Carol (*Lully, Lulla*)” - *Charles Callaban*
Organist: Wayne Hatwich

Opening Hymn: “The first Nowell” **Hymn #109**

1. 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. <i>Nowell (x4), born is the King of Israel.</i>	2. 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. <i>Nowell (x4), born is the King of Israel.</i>
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Welcome and Announcements:

Preparation for Worship

Officiant: **O** Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: You laid the foundation of the earth

All: and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Officiant: Blessed are you, sovereign God, creator of heaven and earth, to you be praise and glory for ever. As your living Word, eternal in heaven, assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh, may the light of your love be born in us to fill our hearts with joy as we sing:
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Opening Prayer

Officiant: **T**he night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 147:13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians

3:23-25; 4:4-7

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.

Here ends the Lesson.

Gradual Hymn:

“Sing, O sing, this blessed morn”

Hymn #88

1. Sing, O sing, this blessed morn, unto us a child is born,
Unto us a son is given, god himself comes down from heaven.
Sing, O sing, this blessed morn, Jesus Christ today is born.
2. God from God, and Light from Light, comes with mercies infinite,
From high heaven he comes to earth, one with us in human birth.
Sing, O sing, this blessed morn, Jesus Christ today is born.
3. God with us, Emmanuel, deigns for ever now to dwell;
He on Adam's fallen race sheds the fullness of his grace.
Sing, O sing, this blessed morn, Jesus Christ today is born.

Second Lesson

A Reading from the Gospel of John

John 1:1-18

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.

Here ends the Lesson

The Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

Hymn:

“O little town of Bethlehem”

Hymn #79

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars
go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the year are met in thee
tonight.
2. For Christ was born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of
wondering love.
O morning starts, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men
on earth.
5. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

The Apostles' Creed

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:

To us a child is born, to us a son is given; let us pray for the people he came to save. Wonderful Counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth:

Hear our prayer

Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness:

Hear our prayer

Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities: especially those celebrating birthdays, *Janet White (12/30); Greg Cox (1/2)*.

Hear our prayer

Prince of Peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer, especially Children & Families of Emmanuel, Dorothy, Ellen, Kristen, Margaret, Maryanne, Nick, Owen, Patrick, Rich, Russell & family, Sam, Scott, Sean, Tammy, baby granddaughter to Alan & Barrie and for our families, friends, and neighbors your gift of wholeness and peace:

Hear our prayer

Let us commend the world, to which Christ came, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

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.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Blessing and Closing Sentence

May God, who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light, bless us and fill us with peace. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit remain with you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

“Angels from the realms of glory”

Hymn #93

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er
all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim
Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship
Christ, the newborn King.
2. Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your
flocks by night,
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the
infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship
Christ, the newborn King.

Organ Postlude:

“Offertorio” (*Allegretto Festivo*)

Domenico Zipoli

Carol Singing:

Hymn

“The first Nowell” (*v3- 6*)

Hymn #109

3. 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 wherever it went.
Nowell (x4), born is the King of Israel
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell (x4), born is the King of Israel
5. Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.
Nowell (x4), born is the King of Israel
6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell (x4), born is the King of Israel

Hymn

“While shepherds watched their flocks”

Hymn #94

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all
seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone
around.
2. “Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their
troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all
mankind.
3. “To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s
line
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be
the sign:
4. “The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human
view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a
manger laid.”
5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a
shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus addressed their
joyful song:
6. “All glory be to God on high and on the earth be
peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and
never cease.”

Announcements

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

Calendar of Upcoming Events!:

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 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

10:30 a.m.

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