

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025

10:30 AM



Holy Eucharist – Rite II

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (red book), # Hymn = 1982 Hymnal (blue book)

Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter (*setting of Holst tune*)

John M. Rasley

The Word of God

The Hymn in Procession #109 The first Nowell the angel did say

THE FIRST NOWELL

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

#96 Angels we have heard on high, vs. 1 & 2

GLORIA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons

The people may be seated.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

Leader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 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.

- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Second Reading

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 towards 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, according to the working of his great power.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn

#128 We three kings of Orient are THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of

them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." "

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Cameron Spoor

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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 Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP,

p. 385

Please stand or kneel, as you are able. During the silences, you may offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for our Rector Search Committee. Grant them wisdom, patience, and unity of spirit, that they may discern faithfully your will for this parish and remain steadfast in hope and trust.

Leader We pray also for the priest whom you are calling to join us. Prepare their heart for this ministry, and prepare us to welcome them with joy and faithfulness.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for those on our parish prayer list, for those impacted by conflict around the world, and those the congregation wishes to name at this time, either silently or aloud

Leader I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Gayle Korte, and those the congregation wishes to name at this time, either silently or aloud.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Most 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 Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

We will pass offering plates during the offertory anthem. If you prefer, you may give online via text.

*To give online, text 73256, with the message: **strichard** (please note: no "s" or capitals).*

Offertory Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

Following the anthem, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. All are invited to stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Presentation

Hymn #380, v. 3

OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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 every where 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

#100 Joy to the world, vs. 1 & 2

ANTIOCH

The people may remain standing or kneel.

Celebrant Therefore according to his command, O Father,
People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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The Celebrant continues with additional prayers, concluding with:

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,
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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem #101 Away in a manger, vs. 1 & 3

CRADLE SONG

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament at the Lord's Table.
(Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the Celebrant).*

*If you would like someone to pray for you,
the St. Richard's Prayer Team will be stationed during Communion in the back of the Nave by the font.*

Communion Hymns

#117 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

MORNING STAR

84 Love came down at Christmas

GARTON

The Blessing of Community of Care Ministers

Celebrant In the name of St. Richard's Church,
People **We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the
communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share in
one bread, one cup.**

(If you know someone who would appreciate a COC minister's visit, please contact the church office.)

Prayer After Communion

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Celebrant Let us pray.
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 Closing Hymn

#107 Good Christian friends, rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Joy! Joy! Joy!

James Mansfield

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In the Episcopal Church, all who have been baptized with water in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Communion, no matter in which Christian denomination you may have originally been baptized. You may receive Communion either standing or kneeling. If you are not able to come to the altar rail but would like to receive communion, please let an usher know and they will make sure that the ministers bring communion to you. If you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome at the altar rail for a blessing or prayer by one of the clergy. To indicate you would like a blessing or prayer, simply cross your arms over your chest as you kneel or stand at the rail.

To receive the wafer, place one open hand over the other and the wafer will be placed in your palm. We also have gluten-free wafers for those who require one. To receive the wine, please help the chalice bearer guide the cup to your lips. If you prefer to instinct (dip the wafer in the wine), please hold the wafer in your hands until the chalice bearer comes to you. It is perfectly fine to receive only the bread (wafer). If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest or return to your seat after consuming your wafer.



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