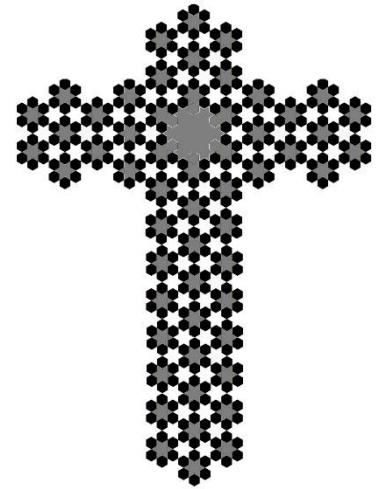


THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Divinum Mysterium

Wilbur Held

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

A 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High

96

*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.

*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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray... 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.

G Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 147:13-21, Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7, John 1:1-18
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter 61...*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

📖 The Word of the Lord

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

[Tune: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*]

***Worship the Lord, Jerusalem, Praise God, O Israel;
The Lord has made your gates secure And blessed your children well.***

***Upon your borders, God makes peace, The wheat fields give us flour;
You, Lord, send your command on earth, Your word speeds forth with power.***

***You give to Israel your word, Your just decrees, but yet
You have not shown to other lands Your law. Alleluia!***

The Second Reading

📖 *The Second Reading is taken from Galatians chapter 3...*

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.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

Word of God

[Please stand.]

AI **Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

The Gospel

D The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

D 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.

D The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Cindy Roehl, Deacon

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

AI 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- D** As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us, from long ago and until the end of time.
- L** Wonderful Counselor, we pray for laypeople, bishops, priests and deacons, and all who minister in the name of Christ, that each and every one will hear and heed the guidance of your Holy Spirit.
- C** **Give us strength of heart, mind, body and soul to join you in preaching good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, liberating the oppressed, and announcing that the year of your favor has come to all the earth.**
- L** Mighty God, we pray for your church. Fill us and all those who worship you with truth and compassion. Where we are corrupt, purify us; where we are in error, direct us; where in anything we are amiss, reform us.
- C** **Where we are in the right, strengthen us; where we are in want, provide for us; where we are divided, reunite us.**
- L** Everlasting Father, we lift to your heart those who suffer from any grief or trouble, [especially . . . *read names from notebook...*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time...*]. Empower us, in your name, to give them courage and hope in their troubles.
- C** **Help us to be the answers to their prayers when they cry out to you.**

- ℒ Prince of Peace, we joyfully celebrate the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus. We give you thanks today for the flowers given to your glory, and for the birthdays this coming week of Lisa Little, Donna Brotherhood, Jim Ratliff, Deborah Bouvier, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Miriam Benitez-Nixon & Joe Nixon, Jerry & Martha Mullinax, Linda Johnson, and for all the blessings of this life.
- ☞ **Give us the grace to see your divine presence so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of joy.**
- ℒ King of Kings, we pray for those who have died, [especially . . . *add names from notebook...*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time....*] Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- ☞ **Grant them continual growth in your love and service; and help us in obedience to your will to follow the good examples of the saints who have gone before us.**
- ℒ Lord of lords, we pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority.
- ☞ **Give them grace, compassion and will to strive for peace and justice, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.**
- ℒ Rejoicing in the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the One who will reign forever and ever.
- ☞ **Hallelujah! Lord our God, source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. May we witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. Amen.**
- ℒ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....
- ☞ **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.]

- ℙ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☞ **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

☐ Let us with gladness bring the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Child in the Manger

Gaelic

Ryan Stollenmaier, soloist

[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand.]

☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

The First Noel

***The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

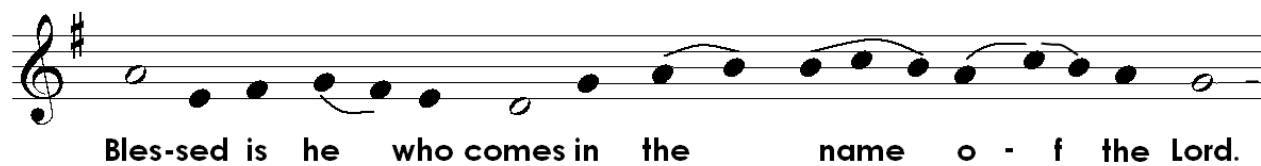
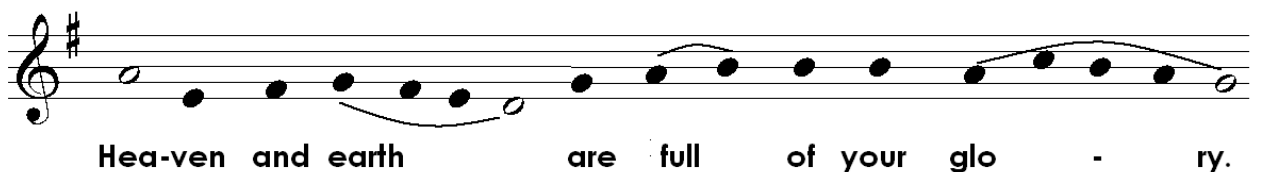
☑ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

☐ It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

SANCTUS

Emmanuel

All



[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P 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."

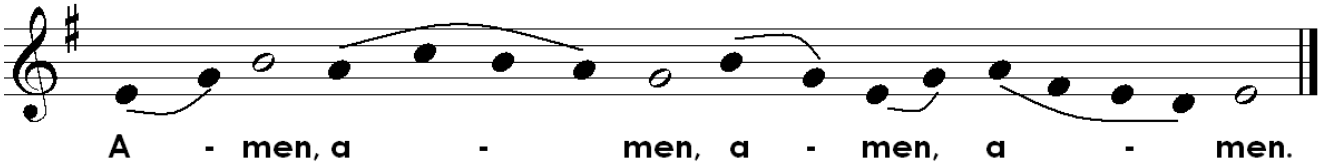
P After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- ☐ 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.

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A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
- ☐ **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

- ☐ The bread we break makes us one in Christ.
- ☐ **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**
- ☐ 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.

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: *To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.*]

COMMUNION CHANT

Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

***Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord; Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord;
Peoples, nations! Alleluia!***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

G **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 single ness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over creation and heals the world, be upon you and remain with you always.

G **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

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***Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.***

***He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.***

THE DISMISSAL

D Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.

G **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Swiss Noel

Louis-Claude Daquin

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Michael Durning
Deacon & Preacher	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Pat Cates
Lectors	Frank & Sandy Kneen
Prayers of the People	Judy Warner
Ushers	Phil Beauchamp & Carol Beauchamp
Building & Grounds	Iris Brookins