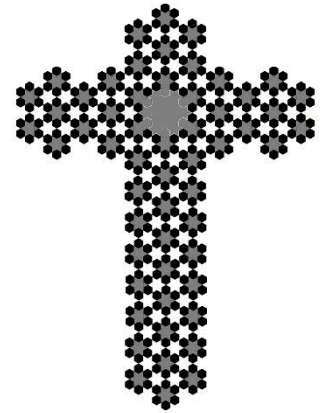


# First Sunday after Christmas

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Holy Communion Rite One



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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.

**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.***

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Divinum Mysterium*

Wilbur Held

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

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

### ACCLAMATION

***[Please stand.]*** Symbols in the Bulletin **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

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

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Al** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy Spirit.

**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.

**C** 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

**L** *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.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

℣ *We will read responsively Psalm 147...*

℣ 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!

## 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.**

## **The Gospel**

*[Please stand.]*

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

☑ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

☐ 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.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Cindy Roehl, Deacon

*[Please be seated.]*

## **NICENE CREED**

*[Please stand.]*

☑ **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

*[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]*

- Ⓓ Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
- Ⓔ Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. God of Light and Life,
- ☞ **Hear our prayer.**
- Ⓔ Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Michael, our Priest in Charge; and Cindy, our Deacon; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; St. Chad's, Tampa; St. John's, Brooksville; Church of the Ascension, Clearwater; to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,
- ☞ **Hear our prayer.**
- Ⓔ And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,
- ☞ **Hear our prayer.**
- Ⓔ We pray for the leaders of this nation, for those newly-elected to public office, the Congress, the President, and all others in authority. May they be guided by your Wisdom, and find strength and courage to know and accomplish your purposes in the midst of these days. God of Light and Life,
- ☞ **Hear our prayer.**
- Ⓔ And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *[Add handwritten names from notebook]* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. *[Leave time...]* God of Light and Life,
- ☞ **Hear our prayer.**
- Ⓔ Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life and for the flowers given to the Glory of God, 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. I invite you to name a blessing either silently or aloud. *[Leave time...]* God of Light and Life,
- ☞ **Hear our prayer.**
- Ⓔ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, *[especially... add names from notebook]*. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. *[Leave time...]* We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

**☩ Hear our prayer.**

℣ 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**

℣ Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**☩ Amen.**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS**

**THE 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.]*

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**☩ And with thy spirit.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

℣ Let us present our offerings to the Lord. Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

*[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.]***

**OFFERTORY**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS**

*[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]*

℣ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge

**☩ All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II**

℣ The Lord be with you.

**☩ And with thy spirit.**

℣ Lift up your hearts.

**☩ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

℣ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**☩ It is meet and right so to do.**

℣ It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**☩ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

**P** All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**P** Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

**☩ And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

**P** By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**☩ AMEN.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**P** This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**C** **Whoever eats this bread has Eternal Life.**

**P** 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.***]

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

#### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*[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.

**C** **Amen.**

**D** Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born.

Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.

**C** **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
Chalicer/Acolyte	Cheryl Sharpe
Lector	Pat Brinsko
Prayers of the People	Cheryl Sharpe
Ushers	Betty Lombardo & Dick Smedley
Building & Grounds	Iris Brookins