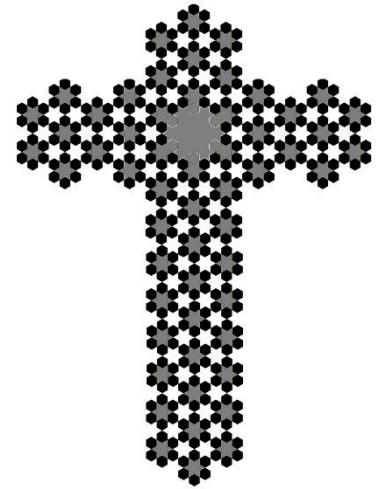


THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 3, 2021
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

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

D. Buxtehude

[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.

C And blessed be God's 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

What Star is this, with Beams so Bright

H 124 vs.1,2

*What star is this, with beams so bright, more beauteous than the noontday light?
It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to his crib to bring.*

*True spake the prophet from afar who told the rise of Jacob's star;
and eastern sages with amaze upon the wondrous token gaze.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 84: 1-8, Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19, Mathew 2:1-12
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah, chapter 31...*

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 labor, 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.

📖 The Word of the Lord

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

[Tune: *Hark! The Glad Sound*]

***How dear your dwelling place to me, O Lord of hosts, my King;
My soul desires the courts of God And in God's praise to sing.***

***The sparrow here has found a house, The swallow builds her nest
Where she may lay her young, O Lord, And by your altar rest.***

***How happy those who dwell with you, Who always give you praise;
And happy those whose strength you are, Whose hearts sing out your ways.***

***Lord God of hosts, receive my prayer; O God of Jacob, hear:
Behold our leader, Lord, and look On one whom you hold dear.***

The Second Reading

L *The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians chapter 1...*

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 toward 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

Epiphany Alleluia

Sing twice

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel

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

☩ **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.

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

[Please be seated.]

The Rev. Michael Durning

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 stand, kneel, or sit, as you prefer.]

- ☩** 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.
- ℣** 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.
- ☩** **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.**
- ℣** 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.
- ☩** **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.
- ☞ **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 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 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**
- 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.**

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

- ☐ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Unto Us is Born a Son

16th century

Julian Guini, 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

Christ Be Our Light

***Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

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:

☑ ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.***

[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.

P 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.

P 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 - me - n, a - me - n, a -
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

- 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.*]

COMMUNION CHANT *Come My Way, My Truth*
[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

***Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- P** Let us pray...
- C** **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may shine your light by proclaiming your love in deed and in truth. Amen.**

THE BLESSING
[Please stand.]

- P** The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to have the faith, heart, and hands of Christ in this world, as you go from here blessed in the name of the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain ***Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!***

***Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now
bring us.***

Shine on me, shine on me: Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

- ☐ Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

As with Gladness Men of Old

Wayne Wold

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Pat Cates
Lectors	Alan Mackay & Mary Ratliff
Prayers of the People	Ryan Stollenmaier
Ushers	Bob Roehl & Alan Mackay
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel