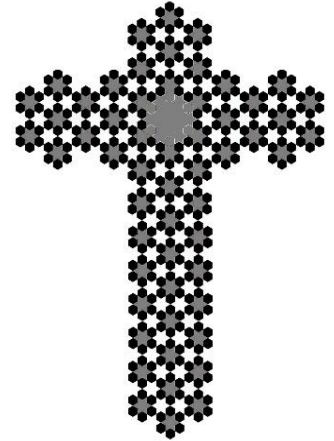


# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### **VOLUNTARY**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

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

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 102** st. 1,2,5

Once in Royal David's City

TUNE: IRBY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

### **THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*All* 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.

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;  
 Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
 To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
 O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
 O tidings of comfort and joy!

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
 And with true love and charity each other now embrace;  
 This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.  
 O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
 O tidings of comfort and joy!

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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. Amen.

*All* **AMEN.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people sit.*

THE FIRST READING:

**ISAIAH 61:10-62:3**

*Lector* *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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**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.**

**Who can with stand the freezing cold, The hoar frost, hail and snow?  
Yet when you send your word and wind They melt and water flow.**

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

**THE SECOND READING**

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

*Lector*        *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.

*Lector*        **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION H107**    Good Christian Friends, Rejoice        IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

## THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon* 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.

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

*The people sit.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

*All stand as able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*People* **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

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

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Lector* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week for Sally Wakefield, Lisa Little, Donna Brotherhood, Jim Ratliff, Bob DeStefano, Deborah Bouvier, and the anniversaries of Joseph Nixon & Miriam Benitez-Nixon, Jerry & Martha Mullinax, Larry Wilbur & Kristie Hazel-Wilbur.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [add names from notebook] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [add names from notebook]) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **AMEN.**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

arr. David Hurd  
Julian Guini, Soloist

*All stand as able.*

## THE PRESENTATION

*Deacon* 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

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

NOEL

D Bm A A<sup>7</sup> D/F# G D A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup>  
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all

7 D G A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> Bm A A<sup>7</sup>  
crea - tures here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye

12 D/F# G D A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> D G A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> D  
heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

18 A<sup>7</sup> D Bm F#m D G A<sup>7</sup> D A  
No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,

22 Bm D/A G D A<sup>7</sup>/E D/F# D/A A<sup>7</sup> D  
born is the King of Is - ra - el.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

*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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* (*Proper Preface*)

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:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

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**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, **with [\_\_\_\_\_ and]** all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

*All*            **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

*Celebrant*      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in one kind.  
If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION**                      Meditation on "Once in Royal David's City"                      David Lasky

*Please remain seated.*

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 new-born King.

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;  
 seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:  
 come and worship, come and worship worship Christ, the new-born King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
 suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:  
 come and worship, come and worship worship Christ, the new-born King.

### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray...

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

#### THE SENDING HYMN 99

Go Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

#### Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
 go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
 behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
 rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
 and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
*People*      **Thanks be to God!**

## VOLUNTARY

Go Tell It on the Mountain

J. Wayne Kerr

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Pat Cates
Lectors	Nancy Fisher & Ryan Stollenmaier
Prayers of the People	Nancy Fisher
Ushers	Bob Roehl & Nancy Fisher
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe
Welcome Table	Robyn Harker & Nancy Fisher
Cantor	Julian Guini



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