

The First LessonNumbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Response: Psalm 8, *Domine, Dominus noster* p. 592

The EpistleGalatians 4:4-7

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.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing the first verse of

Gospel Procession: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!..... Hymn #107

6 Good Christ-ian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to
 Good Christ-ian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not
 II what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day; ox and ass be - fore him bow, and
 fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to
 he is in the man - ger now. Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 gain his ev - er - last - ing hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Please join in singing the second verse of 'Good Christian Friends...', as the procession returns.

The Sermon..... Mr. Peter Marshall

The Nicene Creed p. 327

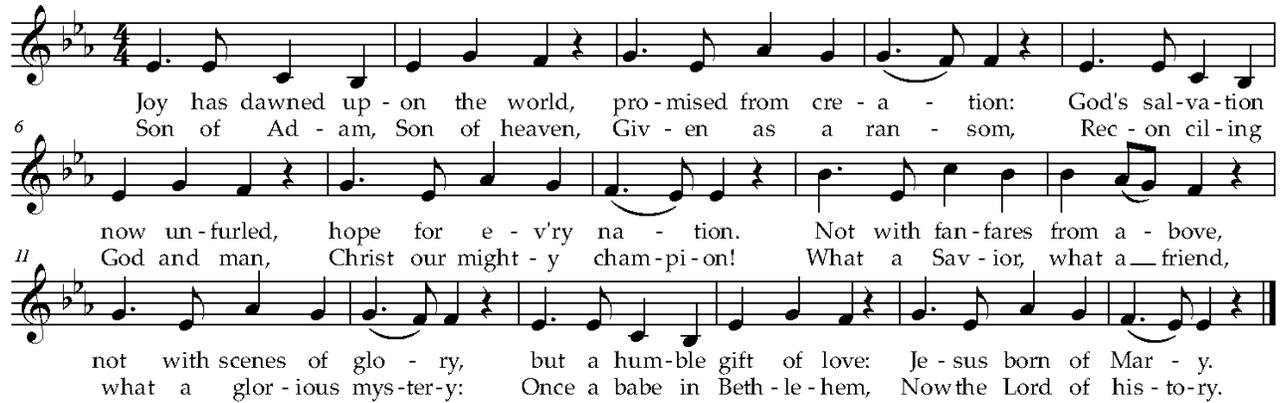
The Prayers of the People p. 328

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Welcome and Announcements



Offertory Hymn—Joy Has Dawned Upon the World..... Getty/Townend



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- Offertory Prayer All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee
- The Great Thanksgiving p. 333
The clergy will carry the Sacrament to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward for Holy Communion. Please inform one of the ushers if you would like to be served at your seat. Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.
- Post Communion Prayer p. 339
- Blessing and Sending Forth p. 339
- Recessional Hymn—At the Name of Jesus..... Hymn #435 vv 1-3**

Postlude: *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (The old year has passed), BWV 614.....J. S. Bach*

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish community, here are a few notes to help you get acquainted.

1. **PLEASE TAKE A “WELCOME” CARD** from the pew rack in front of you, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our clergy after the service. We will be happy to contact you in the week ahead and help you however we can.
2. **JOIN US AFTER THE SERVICE FOR COFFEE** and other refreshments so we can welcome you more personally. Coffee hour is on the Chapel Patio (turn right as you exit the Chapel). We promise we won't leave you standing in the corner, staring at your shoes! When raining or cold, we gather in the Parish Hall (turn left when you exit the Chapel and head for the green doors).
3. **STOP BY THE WELCOME TABLE** at the Chapel doors or the rolling bulletin board near the Main Church entrance, browse the information there, and pick up our most recent “Get Connected” brochure. This brochure contains information about becoming a member, details about our outreach, ministries, classes, groups, and events. It provides a one-stop guide to help you “get connected” – to God, to the inclusive community that is St. Francis, and to many opportunities to make a difference in the world.
4. **IF YOU HAVE COME WITH CHILDREN**, please know that children of any age are always welcome to stay with you during the worship service. We have found that sitting toward the front helps children feel they are more “a part of the action”. Pew bags are available at the Chapel doors with child-friendly worship aids. Professional care is available for infants and toddlers, if desired. Please ask an usher to direct you.

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Kelly Hall, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, that they may be kept from harm's way.

Those who are ill or recovering from surgery: Andrea, Lynne, Ceri Falk, Rob and Pam Fitting, Ma-ma Hill, Elizabeth Hodgson, Chong-Kyun Kim, Marjorie Morris, Steve Phillips, James and Reiko, Dorothy Rathbun, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Margaret and Steve Smith, Chris Snapp, Hayward and Phyllis Thomas, Sarah Thompson, that they may know your healing power.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Peace be with you