

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2019, 10:00 am



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

The Word of God

Prelude: Christmas Pastorale

Corelli

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

Processional Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymn #93

The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper.

It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

Please remain STANDING as able, and join in singing,

The Gloria

Robert Powell

7 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace — to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
13 might-y — God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
19 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
26 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our
32 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God — the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting by Robert Powell S-280 The Hymnal 1982

Celebrant/Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

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.**

The First Lesson Isaiah 61:10-62:3

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remaining seated, please join in singing,

The Response

Psalm 147

ST ANNE

Now praise the Lord, all liv - ing saints, sing prais - es that en - dure. Our
 God brings us peace in midst of strife, our bor - ders to pro - tect. All
 God's word runs swift - ly o'er the earth, the sea - sons to com - mand. Spring,
 Your life - filled word brings or - der to the cha - os of our days. In
 No oth - er peo - ple are so graced, no na - tion is so blest, as

5
 chil - dren God does sure - ly bless, our fu - ture is se - cure.
 those who trust the Lord for strength need nev - er fear ne - glect.
 sum - mer, win - ter, au - tumn, all dis - play that won - drous hand.
 love you claim us as your own; what bet - ter cause for praise?
 those who know God's liv - ing Word and this one name con - fess.

The Second Lesson Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

2nd Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing "Gloria" from Hymn 96

Gospel Procession

Hymn #96

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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The Holy Gospel John 1:1-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please join in singing "Gloria" as the Gospel Procession returns.

Please be seated for

† The Sermon

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Please STAND, as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

(Updated from The Book of Common Prayer addendum, Enriching our Worship I)

All 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Please remain STANDING, as able for

The Prayers of the People

The People read the responses in bold.

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of night by speaking your Word in the flesh of Jesus Christ, our Lord. May your Word of compassion and reconciliation resound throughout the world.

Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

In this Christmas season, Christians throughout the world are celebrating Christ's birth. Unite us in one family that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness. Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

In this Christmas season, the angels proclaimed your Peace. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice, especially those who serve in the armed and foreign services of our country and their families — Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve— as well as those who advocate peace in all places of conflict in our world, especially in the place of Christ's birth.

Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

In this Christmas season, you came to us in a child cradled in straw, a borrowed bed because there was no room in the inn. Open our hearts to the needs of those who are homeless and hungry. Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

In this Christmas season, shepherds and outcasts heard your good news. Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation. Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

In this Christmas season, we rejoice at this time of rest and recreation. Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us. Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

In this Christmas season, your living Word came down, shedding light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Andrea, Aidan and Lorcin, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Nathan Reddall, Shelley Reece, Gwynne Shaw, Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now: *(Please add your prayers silently or aloud).*

Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

In this Christmas season, heaven and earth embrace. Through your Child you give us power to become children of your Light. Fulfill in your love all who have gone before us in a faithful death, especially those we name to you now: *(Please add your prayers silently or aloud)*.

May we, like them, remain faithful to the mystery of the Word made flesh and live in your eternal light.

Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

Silence

Celebrant In you we find our true joy, O God. Let this Christmas season be a time of appreciating the love of Jesus your son, the presence of God in our hearts. Help us radiate the Light of Jesus Christ. We pray through the Holy Name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

The First Noel
Femi Knight, soloist

arr. Foster/Franklin

Please STAND, as able for,
The Offertory Hymn

What Can I Give Him?

CRANHAM

9 What can I give him poor as I am? If I were a shep-herd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Words by Christina Rossetti Music by Gustav Holst

Please remain STANDING, as able, for
The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God 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:

Please join in singing,

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

FOREST GREEN

7 Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-
san - na in th high-est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the
12 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

FOREST GREEN Traditional English tune adapt by Ralph Vaughn Williams

All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues.

*We will read the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer responsively, with the People reading the parts in **Bold**.*

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, bring all things under the influence of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St Francis 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. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

All 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.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to share in Communion, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. 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.

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.

Communion Music

Who Could Imagine a King

Mervyn Warren

*Mommies and daddies always believe that their little angels are special indeed, and you could grow up to be anything;
but who would imagine a king*

*A shepherd or teacher is what you could be, or maybe a fisherman out on the sea, or maybe a carpenter building things;
but who would imagine a king*

*It was so clear when the wise men arrived, and the angels were singing your name, that the world would be different
'cause you were alive.*

That's what heaven stood still to proclaim.

*One day an angel said quietly that soon he would bring something special to me, and of all those wonderful gifts he could bring,
who would imagine a king.*

Please kneel or stand as able

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Christmas Blessings

Celebrant Gift-giving God of angels and stars, shepherds and magi, promise and hope;
God, who calls and sends, blesses and guides:
God of ancient love that is always new;
God of Christmas, bless us now and always,
in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Please stand as able, and join in singing,

The Closing Hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Hymn #89

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Variations on "Joy To The World"