

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

December 27th, 2020 at 10:00am | First Sunday after Christmas

The Entering Procession The First Noel

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Words: English carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

*Alternative Refrain
Descant (others unison)*

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The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

The Collect of the Day

Priest God be with you

People **And also with you**

Priest 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 WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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.

Reader Speak God, your servants are listening.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147

Worship God, O Jerusalem;
praise your Sovereign, O Zion;
For the Holy One has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.
Peace has been established on your borders;
you are satisfied with the finest wheat.
You send out your command to the earth,
and your word runs very swiftly.
You give snow like wool
and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.
You scatter your hail like bread crumbs;
who can stand against your cold?
You send forth your word and melt them;
you blow with your wind and the waters flow.
You declare your word to Jacob,
your statutes and your judgments to Israel.
You have not done so to any other nation;
to them you have not revealed your judgments. Alleluia!

The Second Reading

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

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.

Reader Speak God your servants are listening.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

What Child Is This

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

Refrain

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guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

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The Gospel

John 1:1-18

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.

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

Sequence

What Child Is This

Unison or harmony

3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

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The Nicene Creed

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

Let us offer our prayers to God for the church, the world, and those in need.

Strengthen the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ.

Bless those entrusted with your Word to proclaim the power of God's Love.

Bestow wisdom on our leaders.

May we honor the earth and its people as we are blessed by the light of the world.

Grant reconciliation to those surrounded by conflict and violence.

May we live in the peace.

Revive all who are cold, hungry, or alone.

May we experience hope.

Care for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill.

May we feel the comfort.

Strengthen parents, families, and newborn infants.

May we delight in the joy.

Bless us with the gift Christ.

May we rejoice in your presence.

We give thanks for family members that we love and see no longer.

May we join with those past, present and yet to come in the chorus praising Christ.

The priest adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome | Parish Announcements and Celebrations

The Offertory

Strange Way To Save The World

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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Holy and gracious God: 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.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We recall his death, resurrection, and ascension. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully 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. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

Closing Prayer

Priest Let us pray

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for assuring us that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, God, 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.

Young People's Time

The Blessing

The Retiring Processional

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born! 1 While shep - herds kept their

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -

Repeat Refrain

hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.

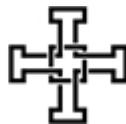
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The Dismissal

Let us go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

The Priest dismisses the congregation.

People Thanks be to God.



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