

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

January 3rd, 2021 at 10:00am | Second Sunday after Christmas

The Entering Procession

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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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.

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. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: 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.

Reader Speak God, your servants are listening.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-8

How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for your courts; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O God of hosts, my Ruler and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house;

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height;

the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

O God of hosts, hear my prayer;

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God,

and look upon the face of your Anointed,

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

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.

Reader Speak God your servants are listening.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

In The Bleak Midwinter

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan, earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone; snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are some decorative flourishes in the piano part, such as grace notes and slurs.

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The Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned

in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

Sequence

In The Bleak Midwinter

2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor— earth sus - tain;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
the Lord— God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano and Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor— earth sus - tain; heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign: in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed the Lord— God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ."

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Sermon

Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil

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

Priest *Let us pray, giving thanks for God's goodness and mercy.*

The intercessor will provide a response to prayers written by a member of the congregation. We invite you to add your own prayers out loud or silently, as the Spirit moves you.

The People may add their own petitions in the chat box.

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
Give Me Jesus

arr. Tom Trenney

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 in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for 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

Angels From The Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;

Refrain
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music. The first system has two vocal parts (1 and 2) and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The third system is marked 'Refrain' and includes a double bar line. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final double bar line.

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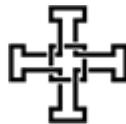
The Dismissal

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

The Priest dismisses the congregation.

People Thanks be to God.

Sylvia Hegarty (Old Testament)
Nancy Arroyoavila (Psalm)
Helen Coleman (New Testament)
Michael Olden (Author of Prayers of the People and Intercessor)



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