



**Church of St. John the Evangelist
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Sunday, December 27, 2020

11am

Sunday after Christmas

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

Welcome and Announcements

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. – *Luke 2.10, 11*

Minister: Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Kneel as you are able.

Minister: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
All: **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. God pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our

life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Responses are sung.

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Stand as you are able.

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Congregation may be seated.

Benedictus

Quartet

Walmisley

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

for he hath visited, and redeemed his people.

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,

in the house of his servant David

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets,

which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies,

and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,

and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham,

that he would grant us

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies

might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him,

all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:

for thou shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people

for the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God,

whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

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.

Psalm 148

(said responsively)

O Praise the Lord from the heavens:

praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all ye angels of his:

praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, all ye heavens,

and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord;

for he commanded and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever:

he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord from the earth,

ye dragons and all deeps;

Fire and Hail, snow and vapour,

wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills;

fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle;

creeping things and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth, and all peoples;

princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens together;

old men and children;

Let them praise the Name of the Lord;

for his Name only is excellent, and his glory above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him:

even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Jubilate (Psalm 100)

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: /

serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; /

he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; /

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; /

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, /

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Second Reading Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Stand as you are able.

Minister: I believe in God

All: **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He**

ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Responses are sung.

Minister: The Lord be with you;

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Kneel as you are able.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

People: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

People: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect of the Day

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence,

may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn sung by Quartet See Amid the Winter's Snow

Sermon Rev'd Judy Steers

Anthem **O Little One Sweet**

Bach

*O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou cam'st from heav'n to dwell below
to share the joys and tears we know
little one sweet, O little one mild.*

*O little one sweet, O little one mild,
With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here heav'ns domain
to bring us comfort for our pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.*

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.

Kneel as you are able.

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

All: **May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Postlude Ou s'en vont ces gays Bergers

N. Lebeque

The Christmas flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

<i>My parents, Rita and Arthur Doraty</i>	<i>the gift of Maureen McIntyre</i>
<i>My parents Joan and Alexander Douglas and my granddaughter Amaya Charlotte Chapman.</i>	<i>the gift of Susan Adams</i>
<i>Mary and Norman Coultres,</i>	<i>the gift of Linda Coultres</i>
<i>Ronald Watkins, Ken Coultres</i>	
<i>Pam Walker and John Walker</i>	<i>the gift of Paul Walker</i>
<i>Dr. William B. Ellis and family</i>	<i>the gift of Patricia, Sarah, Ben and family</i>
<i>David Rogers</i>	<i>the gift of his family</i>
<i>Loved ones</i>	<i>the gift of Gwyneth Watkins</i>
<i>Stuart and Catherine Sheppard,</i>	<i>the gift of Chris and Jeannie Houston</i>
<i>Rita Houston</i>	
<i>Ann Ableson Carotte and Peggy Oxley</i>	<i>the gift of family</i>
<i>Teresa Horrigan, mother of Colleen Murray</i>	
<i>Sheila Murray, mother of Rod Murray</i>	
<i>John Murray, father of Rod Murray</i>	
<i>Irene Nudyk</i>	
<i>David Watkins, husband of Barb Watkins</i>	
<i>Peggy Robertson, mother of Catherine Robertson</i>	
<i>Ruth Morris</i>	

If you would like flowers in memory of loved ones or to celebrate an occasion
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ANOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 27, 2020

Pastoral Letters

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Coffee Time

Join the clergy and staff on Sundays at 1:30 on Zoom for a half hour Coffee Time. The link is included in the weekly Pastoral Letter.