

The First Sunday after Christmas –December 27, 2020

Online Service of the Word 2

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Tania

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The presider gives notice of matters affecting the life and work of the congregation.

The Penitential Rite (*BAS p. 45*)

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.

Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

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**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, **Amen**

Hymn: CP #137 What Child is This

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. *Refrain*

*Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Music: Melody English Trad.; arr. Christmas Carols Old and New, 1871, alt.*

The Lord is our light and our life.
O come, let us worship.

O Gracious Light (BAS p. 690)

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
and blest are you, his holy Son.
Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God
who dwells in the eternal light.
Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth
and in the highest heaven adored.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalm 148 (BAS p. 907)

I Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

Edna

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
**for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.**
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

First Reading

Mike

A reading from the book of Isaiah (*Is 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.

The word of the Lord. (or Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

Thanks be to God.

The canticle "The Song of Mary" is sung. (Words BAS pp. 87; music: Tallis' Canon, see hymn #14 in Common Praise).

Song of Mary

My soul gives glory to the Lord,
in God my Saviour I rejoice.
My lowliness he did regard,
exalting me by his own choice.

From this day all shall call me blest,
for he has done great things for me.
Of all great names his is the best.
For it is holy; strong is he!

His mercy goes to all who fear
from age to age and to all parts.
His arm of strength to all is near;
he scatters those who have proud hearts.

He casts the mighty from their throne
and raises those of low degree;
he feeds the hungry as his own,
the rich depart in poverty.

Second Reading

France

Lecture de la lettre de Paul aux Galates (*Gal 4 :4-7*)

Quand est venu l'accomplissement du temps, Dieu a envoyé son Fils, né d'une femme et assujetti à la loi, pour payer la libération de ceux qui sont assujettis à la loi, pour qu'il nous soit donné d'être fils adoptifs. Fils, vous l'êtes bien : Dieu a envoyé dans nos cœurs l'Esprit de son Fils, qui crie : Abba – Père ! Tu n'es donc plus esclave, mais fils ; et, comme fils, tu es aussi héritier : c'est l'œuvre de Dieu.

La parole du Seigneur. / Écoutez ce que l'Esprit dit aux églises.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

or

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians (*Gal 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.

The word of the Lord. (*or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Song of Simeon (*Luke 2:29-32*) (*BAS p. 90*)

Tania

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; *
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation *
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
a light to reveal you to the nations *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading (BAS p. 68)

Josée

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 2:22-40)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Josée

Affirmation of Faith

Tania

The Apostles' Creed (BAS p. 68)

Let us confess our faith as we say,
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Wendy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh.
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

There was no room for your Son in the inn.
Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth.
Hold in your hand [...and] all who are in pain or distress.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.
Bring comfort to [...and] all who suffer in the sadness of our world.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

The angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in [...and in] all the world.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.
Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger.
Bless our homes and all whom we love.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven.
Hold in your hand [...and] all those who have passed through death
in the hope of your coming kingdom.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.
Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Father, angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne.
Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is
your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

Tania

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

France

Dieu tout-puissant, tu as fait briller sur nous une lumière nouvelle, celle du Verbe incarné. Que
cette lumière, brillant en nos cœurs, illumine nos vies, par Jésus-Christ, notre Seigneur, qui vit
et règne avec toi et l'Esprit Saint, un seul Dieu, pour les siècles des siècles. **Amen.**

or

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light,
enkindled in our hearts, 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 Lord's Prayer (*BAS p. 70*)

Wendy

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Tania

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn: CP #123 Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned
all in white shall gather round.

*Text: Cecil Frances Alexander(1818-1895), alt.
Music: Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)*

Dismissal

Tania

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise to God.