

January 2, 2022

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford

10 a.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, and *Enriching Our Worship 1*

Prelude: *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* Bux WV 223

D. Buxtehude

Opening Hymn #102 Once in royal David's city vss. 1,2,4,5

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**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.**

**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, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**For he is our life-long pattern; daily when on earth he grew,
he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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

Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

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 hold Name;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise #110 The snow lay on the ground

Venite adoremus

**The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.**

Venite adoremus Dominum.

Vernite adoremus Dominus.

Refrain: Venite adoremus Dominum.

Vernite adoremus Dominus

**'Twas Mary, daughter pure of holy Anne,
that brought into this world the God made man.**

**She laid him a stall at Bethlehem;
the ass and oxen shared the roof with them.**

Refrain

Saint Joseph, too, was by to tend the child;

to guard him, and protect his mother mild;
the angels hovered round, and sang this song,

Vernite adoremus Dominus

Refrain

And thus that manger poor became a throne;
for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host;
to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Refrain

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Prayed together

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

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 labour, 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.

The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 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 LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 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.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

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 towards 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.

The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #98 Unto us a boy is born vss. 1-4

Puer nobis nascitur

**Unto us a boy is born! The King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn, the Lord of every nation.**

**Cradled in a stall was he with sleepy cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see that he all men surpasses.**

**Herod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"
all the little boys he killed at Bethlehem in his fury.**

Now may Mary's son, who came so long ago to love us,

lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joys above us.

The Gospel

The Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

2:13-15, 19-23

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 fulfil 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.'

The Gospeller concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. *People respond:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Harrison West

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The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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 Form III

BCP, p.387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

We pray for the clergy and people of St. Peter's, Cheshire; Holy Advent, Clinton; and Trinity Church,
Collinsville.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our Bishops Ian and Laura, for our Rector, Harrison, and for
all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Remembering all peacemakers and peacekeepers, especially those serving in places torn by warfare, terror
and gun violence:
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Remembering our call to be good stewards of your Creation: Give us grace to do your will in all that we
undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for all who have been commended to the prayers of the parish including David, Kevin L, Sandy,
Patti K, Anne, Brennie, Charlie K, Lois S, Scott, Molly and Babs and all contending with COVID-19 disease,
for caregivers ministering of your healing gifts; for all facing financial hardship because of the pandemic,
and for those on your hearts,
(pause)
Have compassion on them and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Giving thanks for the life and witness of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, ... those in whose memory the Christ-
mas flowers were given, ... we praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We offer our thanksgivings for this day, this place, for all the "decorations" on the Mitten Tree, and for all
who have made this celebration possible.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

Celebrant will add a concluding collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Announcements and Greetings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory –

Offertory anthem: The Coventry Carol trad., arr. M. Shaw

The Doxology: Hymn 380 (vs. 3)

Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 366

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

Proper Preface: It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. In Christ the light which shines for all has come into the world; Jesus became one with us that we might become one with you. This is the Son foretold by the prophets, whom Mary bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made the Messiah known. And so, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, And join in their unending hymn of praise:

All: **Sanctus S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

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

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Fraction Anthem #79 O little town of Bethlehem vs. 3

St. Louis

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

The gifts of God for the People of God

Invitation to Spiritual Communion**

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.

Communion anthem: Rejoice greatly! (from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Postcommunion Prayer:

BCP, p. 365

**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.**

A Christmas Blessing

Closing Hymn #92 On this day earth shall ring

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**On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord,
Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.**

Refrain: Ideo, Ideo, Ideo Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**His the doom, our the mirth; when he came down to earth Bethlehem saw his birth;
ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him.**

Refrain

God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led:
kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him.
Refrain

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King,
Born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.
Refrain

Dismissal: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: In Christmastide op. 182.1

C. V. Stanford

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In Today's Worship
Celebrant: The Rev. R. Harrison West
Music Director: Mark Sullivan
Usher: Kay Claiborn
1st Reading & Psalm: David Jones
2nd Reading: Beth Brause
Prayers of the People & Communion prayer: Bill Cuddy

Upcoming Calendar Events



Second Sunday of Christmas – January 2, 2022

Morning Prayer - @ 9:00AM (Parish Hall)

Sunday School – On Holiday

Holy Eucharist – 10AM (streamed and in-person)

Monday, January 3 – The Path @ 7PM via Zoom

Wednesday, January 5 - Order for the Evening (Twelfth Night) – @ 7PM with special music - in person and livestreamed

Thursday, January 6 – Bible Study “The Path” – 9:30AM via Zoom

Sunday, January 9 – First Sunday after the Epiphany

Morning Prayer – 9:00AM (Parish Hall)

Holy Eucharist – 10AM (streamed and in-person)

Sunday School resumes – 10AM

Choral Evensong – 4PM Visit of the Magi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Episcopal Church Women News:

ECW's ongoing and much needed “New Sox and Underwear” project and Food Bank memorial projects continue. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Mitten Tree – Helping our neighbors stay warm with gloves, scarves, caps, and, yes, mittens remains up and accepting donations. **Angels-Under-the-Balcony** donations for our Town's Heating Assistance Program continue as well.