



Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022



Welcome to Christ Church

Welcome to worship this morning! Whether present in our brick-and-mortar worship space, or through the miracles of [FaceBook](#), [Zoom](#) or our [website](#), we are gathered as the one Body of Christ, seeking solace and strength, pardon and renewal.

In the Christmas season, we give thanks for the wonder of Emmanuel, God with us in Jesus Christ.

This worship bulletin and the hymnals guide our participation in the service this morning. Let us sing and pray out loud with gusto wherever we are!

*Loving God and neighbor, in joy and hope,
as Jesus teaches*

Organ Prelude Chorale Prelude on "Lo, how a rose is blooming"
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Please stand as able.

Opening Hymn 110 The snow lay on the ground Tune: *Venite adoremus*
Words: Source unknown. 19th cent.
Melody adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as able.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

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

Celebrant 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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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

Please be seated.

Welcome

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Lector 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.

At the conclusion of The Gospel:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 114-115

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

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 Sovereign 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 appear 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.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
the LORD will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Lector 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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Gradual Hymn 84

Love came down at Christmas

Tune: *Gartan*

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt.

Melody: From Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II, 1902; harm.

David Evans (1874-1948)

The Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

At the conclusion of The Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Nick Morris-Kliment

The sermon is followed by a brief moment of silent reflection.

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

All

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.

Please stand or kneel as able.

Prayers of the People

Church of England

Intercessor In peace let us pray to the Lord. Gracious God, Christ our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor 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,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. Holy God

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Inspire us to bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor The angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen us to work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

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

People Hear our prayer.

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

People Hear our prayer.

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

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that

Christ may be born in us today. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Holy One, 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 Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange a brief sign of Christ's peace, with one another in the building, and with those participating online.

Please be seated.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering of the Gifts of Bread and Wine

Offertory Carol Hymn 124 What star is this, with beams so bright Tune: *Puer nobis*
Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
Music: 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer, pp. 367-369

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give

thanks to you, Father 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 say this to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All 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.

Please stand or kneel as able.

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 to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage

of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

All are invited to come forward to the Lord's Table. The Congregation receives Communion in one kind (the bread only) at the foot of the steps up to the free-standing altar. If you prefer a blessing rather than the bread, please cross your hands over your chest.

Music During Communion

Chorale Prelude on "The old year now has passed away," BWV 634
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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.

Concluding Blessing

Celebrant May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Please stand as able.

Closing Hymn 101

Away in a manger

Tune: *Cradle Song*

Words: Traditional carol // Melody: William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

After the Closing Hymn, the Celebrant and Crucifer process to the back. Please sit to enjoy the postlude before the dismissal.

Organ Postlude Chorale Prelude on "From heaven on high to earth I come," BWV 626

J.S. Bach

Please stand as able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Christ our Savior has come, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

There will not be a coffee hour this Sunday. View today's Prayers of the People [here](#).



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