

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



JANUARY 3, 2020 | 10AM

**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
515 SECOND STREET | WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA



## ORDER OF SERVICE & EUCHARISTIC READINGS

### Ringings of the Bells

### Organ Prelude

setting: Paul Manz, O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is

### Welcome

### Opening Hymn

words: Lowell Mason, music: G. F. Handel, 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the  
ceive her King; let ev - every heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and  
heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
3 far as the curse is found, far  
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## Opening Sentence

*Officiant* The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.  
 - *John 1:14*

## Confession & Absolution

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Versicle

*Officiant* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* **And your glory all the day long.**

*All* **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## Antiphon

*Officiant* The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

*All* **O come let us worship.**

## Invitatory

Psalm 67:1-5, *Deus misereatur*

*All* O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.  
Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

## Psalm 84:1-8

*Quam dilecta!*

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

<sup>4</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

<sup>7</sup> Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

<sup>8</sup> Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

***All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.***

### **Antiphon**

*Officiant* Our God and Savior now draws near:

*All* **O come let us worship.**

### **The Lessons**

#### **Hebrew Scripture**

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.

## Canticle 16

The Song of Zechariah, *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

**All Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \*  
you have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, \*  
born of the house of your servant David.  
Through your holy prophets you promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, \***

**from the hands of all who hate us,  
To show mercy to our forebears, \*  
and to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship you without fear, \*  
holy and righteous before you,  
all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
To give God's people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

### **A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians**

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.



## Canticle 15

The Song of Mary, *Magnificat*

*All* **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, \*  
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,  
and holy is your name.  
You have mercy on those who fear you \*  
from generation to generation.  
You have shown strength with your arm \*  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones \*  
and lifting up the lowly.  
You have filled the hungry with good things \*  
and sent the rich away empty.  
You have come to the help of your servant Israel, \*  
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our forebears, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

## Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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."

## Homily

The Rev. Carren Sheldon

## Hymn

words: W. C. Dix, Melody "Greensleeves", 115

*Unison or harmony*



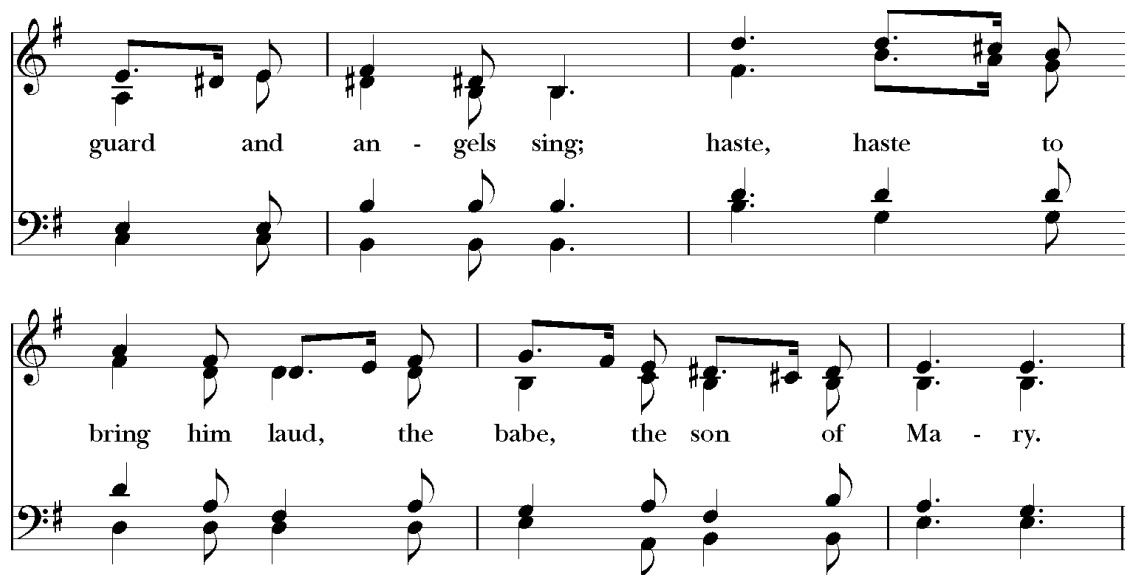
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

## The Apostles' Creed

EOW I, p. 41

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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.**

## The Prayers

*Officiant* Hear our cry, O God.

*People* **And listen to our prayer.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Help us, O God our Savior;

*People* **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

*Officiant* Look upon your congregation;

*People* **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

*Officiant* Declare your glory among the nations;

*People* **And your wonders among all peoples.**

*Officiant* Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*People* **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

*Officiant* Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*People* **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

*Officiant* Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*People* **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

*Officiant* 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.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## **Lord's Prayer**

*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.**

## **Blessing**

## Closing Hymn

Latin, trans. Benjamin Webb; melody: *Deo Gracias*; 449



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deo Gracias*, English ballad melody, Trinity College MS., 15th cent.;  
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## Concluding Sentence

Ephesians 3:20, 21

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

*All* Amen.

## Postlude

setting: Paul Manz; How Lovely Shines The Morning Star

## **Zoom Coffee Hour: all are welcome!**

Grab your beverage of choice, and join us online immediately following Morning Prayer, hosted by Lori Lagerstrom.

What has been returned to you that you thought was lost?  
(Relationships, Health, Finances, etc.?)



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