

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
2001 Windsor Drive
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Sunday, January 2, 2022
Second Sunday After Christmas
Communion in the Absence of a Priest
Worship at 10:15am

In-person & Facebook Live
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Masks Required

Prelude

Chris Teichler

Let us pray

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from the coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Processional

“Once in Royal David’s City”

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Opening Acclamation

Minister of the Word: Grace and peace. In the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Collect of the Day

Minister of the Word: God be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Minister of the Word: Let us pray.

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 Lessons

The People sit

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from Jeremiah.

For 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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of host! * My soul has a desire and a longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and me flesh rejoice in the living God.

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.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob

Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold * from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-19

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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, according to the working of his great power.

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

Thanks be to God.

The people stand

Seq.

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

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The Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then

he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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The people sit

Proclamation

Deacon Barbara Gibson

We Pray for the World and the Church

Kneeling or standing as able

The prayers may be led either by the Minister of the Word, a lector or other appointed petitioner.

As our Christmas celebration continues, make us radiant, O God, in the wonderful restoration of the dignity of human nature accomplished through Jesus Christ our Lord:

My soul has a desire and a longing for the courts of the Lord.

Instill in us a desire to share the divine life of Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

You have blessed us with every spiritual blessing, chosen us in your Son, and bestowed upon us wisdom and revelation as we come to know him. Enlighten our hearts that we may indwell the hope to which we have been called, and the immeasurable greatness of his power for all who trust in him:

Happy are they who dwell in your house; they will always be praising you!

Bless your holy Church, Trinity, and St. Matthew's, remembering especially all the laity of our parishes, and all who strive to share the Good News in word and deed:

Happy are the people whose hearts are set on the pilgrim way!

As the Magi sought after what they did not yet know, and yearned for what they did not understand, so may the star rise in the hearts of all who seek you, that we might open our own gifts to the Christ child:

For the Lord God is both sun and shield, giving grace and glory.

Grant Christmas joy to those weighed down by illness, to those far from loved ones, the frail, and any made lonely by this season, remembering especially those for whom our prayers are now offered Anita, Beth, Danny, Dave, Debbie, Delinda, Delores, Donna, Elaine, Jane, Jeff, Jerry, Jessica, Joan, Jonah, Judy, Julie, Karen, Kathleen, Kenneth, Kent, Kim, Lauren, Penny, Robert, Ron, Rose, Suzanne, Susan, Taylor and Logan and their newborn Oaklyn Mae. As the Holy Family found refuge in Nazareth, so be a refuge for all who call upon your Name:

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

Quicken us to bear within our own lives the Word made flesh, walking in a manner worthy of our vocation, listening for your guidance in dream and vision, in study and prayer, in work well conceived, and deeds well-done; that we might share the grace shed abroad for us in Jesus our redeemer:

O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you.

Pray for St. John's Episcopal Church, Abilene, The Reverend Shawn Sherraden and their lay leadership.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, for our Bishop Cathleen Bascom, for all bishops and ministers, and for all the holy people of God.

For Heartland Minster and their Shepherd, The Reverend Marc McDonald, Rector of St Andrews Episcopal Church, Emporia Kansas.

We give thanks for St. Matthew's and Trinity and pray for St. Matthew's Payee Program, Northridge Elementary School their teachers, staff, students and families, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach of our churches.

Holy God, mighty God, Immortal God, adored by angels and praised by the saints, receive the prayers of your church, and grant them in accordance with your gracious will, through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

We Exchange the Peace

Minister of the Word: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Instrumental Music

Chris Teichler

We Prepare the Table and Share the Gifts of God

Minister of Reserved Sacrament: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister of Reserved Sacrament: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 of 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 Prayer of Humble Access

The Minister of the Reserved Sacrament and People

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen*

Hymn

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

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Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen*

Announcements

Recessional

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

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Grace and Dismissal

Led by the Minister of the Reserved Sacrament

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chris Teichler

Ministers this Service

The Rev. Barbara Gibson, *Deacon* - Minister of Reserved Sacrament

Maggie Snow, *Minister of the Word*

Elizabeth Hill, *Lector*

Chris Teichler, *Organist*

Ben Teichler, *Videographer*