

Christ Church Cathedral † Nashville, Tennessee

Sunday, December 27, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY 1 Christmas, Year B

PRELUDE Mary's Boy Child West Indian Carol

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ, was born on Christmas Day

Refrain

Hark now, hear the angels sing, a new King born today And we can live forever more because of Christmas Day

Now Joseph and his wife Mary went to Bethlehem that night And found no place to lay their head, not a single room was in sight. *Refrain*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, they saw a brightly shining star And from the East there came three men, bearing gifts from afar. *Refrain*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are so glad you have joined us this evening and we hope you make yourself comfortable and enjoy an ancient service of worship in a casual context.
- The offering you submit online this evening will represent the first fruits of your life and labor dedicated to God. It will be used for the work of God's kingdom at the corner of 9th and Broadway and beyond.
- We are celebrating the service of Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, which begins on (BCP, p. 355).

AN ORDER FOR CELEBRATING THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING HYMN He is Born IL EST NE

(Trad. 19th cent. French carol)

Refrain

Il est ne, le divin Enfant, jou-ez hautbois resonez musettes! Il est ne, le divin Enfant, chantons tous son ave ne ment!

Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming Through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! *Refrain*

O how lovely, O how pure, is this perfect Child of heaven O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to humankind! *Refrain*

Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming now as a child among us Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace *Refrain*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Leader Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE Laudate Dominum Taize Community

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum Omnes, gentes, alleluia! (repeat)

Sing, praise and bless the Lord, sing, praise and bless the Lord Peoples! Nations! Alleluia! (repeat)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God!* how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; * he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted * and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars * And calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; * there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, * but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; * make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds * and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains * and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds * and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, * in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion.

The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay In fields as they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep

Refrain

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

The star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest And there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

THE GOSPEL LESSON – John 1:1-18

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. †††

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world. We pray For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and John, the Bishop of Tennessee and for all the clergy and people. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless the missions of this congregation in Bolivia, Iraq, and Haiti, especially St. Andre's Church, Hinche, Haiti, and the Pére Noé Bernier. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember and pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement, His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, His All

Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Bishop Ivan M. Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council; and the Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember for all committees, commissions and task forces of the Diocese of Tennessee. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land; and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for all those serving our country at home and abroad, and all those who suffer because of civil strife, that war may end, and peace be established. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others, and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For all teachers, students, and administrators and all places of learning. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Worship Leader concludes with an absolution

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

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you. *La paz del Senor sea siempre contigo.*

People And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to our readers, musicians, and to our technical director, Roger Rhoads. And to all those behind the scenes...

Please join us here at Christ Church Cathedral for BreakingBread@6 every Sunday evening. You are also invited to join our private Facebook group here: https://bit.ly/2LQyZ0d

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact rwineland@christcathedral.org

THE NEXT ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

The "BB@6 Zoom Coffee Hour" from 5:00 to 5:50 p.m., the link will be provided in the weekly email update prior to that first Sunday of the month. The next Coffee Hour will be Sunday, January 10, 2021.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Angels we have heard on high

Trad. French carol



Touch or scan the QR code above to leave your tithe and offering. You may also text "CCCNash" to 73256 to give using your mobile phone.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 blessed John the Baptizer and 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. **Amen**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. People Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE INVITATION
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader Let us pray.

People 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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

Hark! the Herald angels sing

Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'Incarnate Deity Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace, Hail, the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADER

The Reverend Richard Wineland, Coordinator and Pastor for Breaking Bread @6

PREACHER

The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, Dean and Rector

MUSICIANS

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