

Sunday, January 3, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
2 Christmas, Year B
Christ Church Cathedral
Nashville, Tennessee



VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *In the bleak midwinter*

Allen Orton Gibbs [3'59"]
(1910-1996)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The procession from the side door to the sanctuary pausing to reverence the altar individually

A GREETING FROM THE DEAN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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 OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON –Jeremiah 31:7-14

[Gibson Prichard]

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84

[Hannah Lavey]

- 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.
- 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; *
 he 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!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

[Jane Boram]

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON –Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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

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 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON –The Reverend Dr. S T Kimbrough, Jr.

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

**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

[John Whitaker]

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Gracious God, your Son our Savior has come in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop, for John, Bishop of Tennessee, and all who minister in your Church.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this fortnight of the Incarnation 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, **hear our prayer.**

In this fortnight of Wonder Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Holy in your hand, especially Susan, Patti, Tom, Rachel, Laura, John, Tallu, Paul, Marion, Joe, Faxon, Bill, Russell, David, Holly, Ed, Glenda, Bill, Joyce, Butch, Tom, Anita, Nancy, Jeanette, Jeremy, and all who are in pain or distress.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this fortnight of Revelation your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this fortnight of Joy the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this fortnight of Seeking strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger.

Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this fortnight of Restoration heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who passed through death, † especially Pam Foster, sister of Ken King; and Hildred Martin, mother of Beverly Sanders in the hope of your coming kingdom.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this fortnight of Renewal Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this fortnight of Promise, Nashville and middle Tennessee has had the celebration of the Messiah's birth interrupted by the tragic car bombing of Friday morning. We pray for those who have been injured. We lift up those who have experienced loss of property and security. We give thanks for the first responders who tended to all in the first moments of confusion after the blast. Give to the Mayor, the Metro Police Department, the FBI, all who investigate this crime wisdom and skill, that the promise of your justice and peace may not be forgotten.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant:

Gracious God, throughout this fortnight angels and shepherds worship 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.**

THE PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Past three a clock

Traditional Carol [2'08"]
Harm. Charles Wood
(1866-1926)

*Past three a clock, and a cold frosty morning:
past three a clock; good morrow, masters all!*

Light out of star-land leadeth from far land.
Princes, to meet him, worship and greet him.

Born is a baby, gentle as may be,
Son of the eternal Father supernal.

Myrrh from full coffer, incense they offer:
nor is the golden nugget withholden.

Seraph quire singeth, angel bell ringeth:
hark how they rime it, time it, and chime it.

Thus they: I pray you, up, sirs, nor stay you
till ye confess him likewise, and bless him.

G.R. Woodward

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**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.

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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Family, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of allcreation, 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.**

And now, as 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 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Then may be said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

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 Sacrament is distributed.

ANTHEM AT THE DISTRIBUTION

Away in a manger

Tune W.J. Kirkpatrick [2'22"]
(1838-1921)
Arr. David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love, thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Traditional Carol

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.**

HYMN

Adeste fideles [2'56"]

O come, all ye faithful

You are invited to sing along at home.

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest;
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

John Francis Wade

THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *O come, all ye faithful*

Herbert Sumsion [4'16"]
(1899-1995)



THE CATHEDRAL WELCOMES GUEST PREACHER

The Reverend Dr. S T Kimbrough, Jr., Ph.D., has served as Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages at Princeton University Divinity School, lead baritone for the Bonn (Germany) Opera Company, Director of Global Missions for the United Methodist Church, and is a widely published scholar on Wesleyan texts and spirituality. Kimbrough has also become sought after for his recent volumes of poetry, the most recent of which is entitled *Rethinking Christmas*.

2021 ANNUAL GIVING DRIVE

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

-John 1:5

We acknowledge with gratitude those who have recorded a pledge for the
2021 Annual General Fund Pledge Drive.

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