

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30am – December 25, 2020



¹ 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 the angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
glory to the newborn King!**

² 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 the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Immanuel!

³ 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.
Risen with healing in his wings,
Light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his 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 the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn 96

¹ Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their brave delight.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

² Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?

³ Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

⁴ See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be
born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children
by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;
 all day and all night
 they shall never be silent.
 You who remind the LORD,
 take no rest,
 and give him no rest
 until he establishes Jerusalem
 and makes it renowned throughout the earth.
 The LORD has sworn by his right hand
 and by his mighty arm:
 I will not again give your grain
 to be food for your enemies,
 and foreigners shall not drink the wine
 for which you have labored;
 but those who garner it shall eat it
 and praise the LORD,
 and those who gather it shall drink it
 in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,
 prepare the way for the people;
 build up, build up the highway,
 clear it of stones,
 lift up an ensign over the peoples.
 The LORD has proclaimed
 to the end of the earth:
 Say to daughter Zion,
 "See, your salvation comes;
 his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him."
 They shall be called, "The Holy People,
 The Redeemed of the LORD";
 and you shall be called, "Sought Out,
 A City Not Forsaken."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CANTICLE

Magnificat

¹ My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
 And my spirit exalts in God my Savior
 For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
 And His name will be forever exalted
 For the mighty God has done great things for me
 And His mercy will reach from age to age

² He has mercy in ev'ry generation
 He has revealed His power and His glory
 He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
 And has lifted up the meek and the lowly
 He has come to help His servant Israel
 He remembers His promise to our fathers

And holy holy
Holy is His name

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THE EPISTLE*Titus 3:4-7*

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn 83

¹ 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,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

² God from God,
 Light from Light eternal,
 Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 only-begotten Son of the Father;

³ Sing, choirs of angels,
 sing in exultation;
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
 glory to God, glory in the highest;

⁴ See how the shepherds,
 summoned to his cradle,
 leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

⁵ Child, for us sinners
 poor and in the manger,
 we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
 who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

⁶ Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

THE GOSPEL*Luke 2:1-20*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth

and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

HOMILY Fr. Stace Tafoya

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* Hymn 105

¹ God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray;

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

² From God our heav’nly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name,

³ “Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan’s pow’r and might.”

⁴ Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.

DOXOLOGY **Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** Hymn S-125
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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 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,

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist 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.** Hymn S-146

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.**

All Sing **Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast;
Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him, in remembrance of Him.**

Celebrant 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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. Please follow the ushers' directions. If you prefer not to receive, but wish to come forward for a blessing, please do so, crossing your arms against your chest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Away in a Manger

Hymn 101

- ¹ 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.
- ² 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.
- ³ Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care;
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

BLESSING

¹ The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ This 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.

⁵ Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in His presence,
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

⁶ Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made Heaven and earth of nought,
and with His blood our life hath bought.