



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 102 (Stanzas 1–2, 5–6)

Irby



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle__ shed,
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of__ all,
5 And our eyes at last__ shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing__ love;
6 Not in that poor low - ly__ sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing__ round,



where a mo - ther laid her__ ba - by in a man - ger for__ his__ bed:
and his shel - ter was a__ sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a__ stall;
for that child who seemed so__ help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove;
we shall see him; but in__ hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round:



Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild,__ Je - sus Christ her lit - tle__ child.__
with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
and he leads his child - ren on__ to the place where he__ is__ gone.__
Christ, re - vealed to faith - ful eye,__ set at God's right hand on__ high.__

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

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.**

Song of Praise: S-280 (Glory to God)

Robert Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -
ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most -
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

A reading from Jeremiah (31:7—14)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 720

Commentary:

In Jeremiah's prophecy of restoration for Israel, a restoration that is still future to us, he predicts a great number of Israelites would return to the Promised Land from all over the world. The disadvantaged, the able-bodied, even women about to give birth would come. The Lord would lead them back tenderly, making the journey refreshing and safe. The Israelites would rejoice greatly in their restored condition. People of all ages will celebrate because the Lord will change their mourning and sorrow into comfort and rejoicing.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Ephesians (1:3—6,15—19a)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1066

Commentary:

One of Paul's central themes in his letter to the Ephesians is the unification of individuals of all types into one united church. The letter begins with a song of praise for what God has done for the believer. For Israel, God's promises were mostly physical, but for the church, God's promised blessings are mainly spiritual and they are received by faith. The spiritual blessings that have come to us are the work of all three members of the Trinity. Having reviewed his readers' blessings in Christ, Paul next prayed that they would appreciate and appropriate these good things in their own lives.

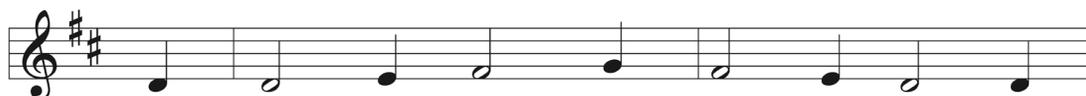
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 124

Puer nobis



1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 True spake the prophet from a - far who
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with -
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to



beau - teous than — the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
 told the rise — of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
 in them shines — a clear - er light, and leads them on with
 pels us on — to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
 Christ, re - vealed — in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly



forth the King, and Gen - tles to his crib to bring.
 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

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.

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

... Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Officiant and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *Sung by the choir*

French carol, *arr. J. Sullivan*

*Sing, O sing, this blessed morn,
unto us a child is given,
unto us a child is born,
God himself comes down from heaven.*

God with us, Emmanuel,
deigns for ever now to dwell;
he on Adam's fallen race
sheds the fullness of his grace. *Refrain*

God comes down that man may rise,
lifted by him to the skies;
Christ is born for us that we
born again in him may be. *Refrain*

O renew us, Lord, we pray,
with thy Spirit day by day,
that we ever one may be
with the Father and with thee. *Refrain*

Presentation Hymn

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP p. 367)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly_ Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

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, concluding with:

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:

(BCP p. 364)

Celebrant and 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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Hymn 84 *“Love came down at Christmas”*

Gartan

Hymn 115 *“What child is this?”*

Greensleeves

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest 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.**

The Blessing

Hymn 119

Dix



1 As with— glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
2 As with— joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger bed;
3 As they— of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly— Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the— heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with— joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward beam-ing bright;
there to— bend the knee be-fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
so may— we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and, when— earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its— light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy - seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Celebrant: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Guest Organist and Choir Director: Lisa Nichol

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JAN. 3-7

MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

SJDS & CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
New Year's Day Observed
FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES @ 1PM
SJ Staff Christmas & Epiphany Celebration
SJDS BACK IN SCHOOL
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | SJDS
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall or Zoom
MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 A.M. | SB on S. 17th Street
HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30-8:30 PM | Zoom
EPISCO-POSSE BIBLE STUDY
8:15 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

FEAST OF EPIPHANY
YOUTH LED EPIPHANY SERVICE
5:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM
9:00 AM | St. James Website or Facebook
FAITH FORMATION
10:00 AM | St. James Parish
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish
YOUTH SKI TRIP MEETING
5:00 PM | Perry Hall

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