

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

– PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD –

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52.7–10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.⁹ Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

∿ The Word of the Lord. ℞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98 *Cantate Domino. [Coverdale]* § *read responsively at the half-verse*

Osing unto the Lord a new song; * **for he hath done marvellous things.**

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, *
hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The Lord declared his salvation; * **his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.**

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; *
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; *
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the Lord upon the harp; *
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets also and shawms, *
O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is, *
the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; * **for he is come to judge the earth.**

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, *
and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 1.1–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.³ He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”?⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”⁷ Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.”⁸ But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”¹⁰ And, “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands;¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;¹² like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

∿ The Word of the Lord. ℞ **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 401 *Joy to the world*

ANTIOCH

1 **Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King!**

**Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.**

2 **Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns, let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy.**

3 **No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found.**

4 **He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love.**

GOSPEL St. Luke 2.1–20 § *remain standing*

∿ The Lord be with you. ℞ **And with thy spirit.**

∿ +++ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

℞ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.³ All went to their own towns to be registered.⁴ 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.⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.⁷ 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.⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ 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:¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”¹⁵ 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.”¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

∿ The Gospel of Christ. ℞ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

HOMILY

NICENE CREED § stand

Priest I believe in one God,

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the**

scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. †And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE § stand, sit, or kneel

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Priest Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

People **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: †have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE § stand

∿ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

℞ **And with thy spirit.**

– CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST –

OFFERTORY HYMN 427 *It came upon the midnight clear* NOËL

1 **It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
‘Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King!’
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

2 **Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

3 **But with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and man, at war with man, hears not the love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

∿ All things come of thee, O Lord. ℞ **And of thine own have we given thee.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever. *Amen.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you. *People* **And with thy spirit.** *Eucharistic Prayer A - Preface of Christmas*

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Priest

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. †Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Priest

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

All

We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Priest

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei - threefold*

O lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us.

INVITATION

∞ The gifts of God for the People of God. ℞ **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION

All people seeking God are welcome to come forward to receive communion.

If you do not wish to receive communion, please come forward to receive a blessing, indicating this by crossing your arms across your chest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

DOXOLOGY

Priest

Glory to God

All

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Priest

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: †And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

HYMN 407 *Hark! the herald-angels sing*

MENDELSSOHN

- Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King.**
- Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold Him come Offspring of a virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King.**
- Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings; Mild He lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King.**

DISMISSAL

∞ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. ℞ **Thanks be to God.**

The Parish Church
of St. Luke



Christmas Day

25 DECEMBER 2018

10:30 A.M.

SAID EUCHARIST WITH CAROLS

– GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY –

HYMN 415 *O come, all ye faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

- 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!**
- God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, begotten, not created; O come...**
- Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God in the highest; O come...**
- See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear. We too with thither bend our joyful footsteps. O come...**
- Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesu, to Thee be glory giv'n; Word of the Father, then in flesh appearing. O come...**

GREETING

Priest

†The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People

And with thy spirit.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Priest

Almighty God,

People

unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Priest

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

People

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.