



CHURCH *of the*  
**INCARNATION**

**The First Sunday after Christmas Day**

**December 27, 2020**

*Traditional Service, 11:15 am*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Due to ongoing restrictions on congregational singing, the choir alone will offer all sung portions of today's liturgy. At these moments, we encourage you to pray the texts as the choir sings praises on your behalf.*

Mass Setting: *Communion Service on Christmas Carols* by T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1921–2003)

### Organ Voluntary

*La Nativité*

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

**Introit:** *Deus in loco sancto*

**G**OD in his holy habitation; it is he that maketh brethren to be of one mind in an house: He will give the dominion and preeminence unto his people. *Ps.* Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

### Hymn 109

The first Nowell the angel did say

*The First Noel*

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

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

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity.*

### Kyrie

*Sung by the choir*

**L**ORD, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

### Gloria in excelsis

*Sung by the choir*

**G**LORY be to God on high,  
and on 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 sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins 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.

### The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we, being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.  
*Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 62:10–12

**G**O 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. Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” And they shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called sought out, a city not forsaken.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 45:1–6

*Sung by the choir to a chant by R. Cooke.*

**M**Y heart overfloweth with a good matter; I speak the things which I have made concerning the King.\*  
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Thou art fairer than the children of men; \*

full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh O thou Most Mighty, \*

according to thy worship and renown.

Good luck have thou with thine honour: \*

ride on because of the word of truth of meekness and righteousness;

and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

Thy arrows are very sharp in the heart of the King's enemies, \*

and the people shall be subdued unto thee.

Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever; \*

the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

## The Epistle

Galatians 4:1–7

**I**MEAN that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## Hymn 82

Of the Father’s love begotten

*Divinum mysterium*

## The Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

*People*

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**N**OW the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

Father Joe Dewey

## THE NICENE CREED

**I**BELIEVE in one God, 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 his 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; by whom all things were made; who for us men 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, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Deacon says*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

*Each petition concludes*

*Deacon* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*The prayers conclude in this way*

*Deacon* In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* To thee, O Lord our God.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**A**Lmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, 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 honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution.*

## THE PEACE

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

*People* And with thy spirit.

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## OFFERTORY

*The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

### Anthem

German Carol, arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

**I**N *dulci jubilo*, [In sweet jubilation]  
Let us our homage show;  
Our heart's joy reclineth  
*In praesepio*, [In a manger]  
And like a bright star shineth  
*Matris in gremio*. [In mother's lap]  
*Alpha es et O!* [You are Alpha and Omega!]

*O Jesu parvule!* [O infant Jesus]  
My heart is sore for thee!  
Hear me, I beseech thee,  
*O Puer optime!* [O the best of boys!]  
My prayer, let it reach thee,  
*O Princeps gloria!* [O Prince of glory]  
*Trahe me post te!* [Draw me after you]

*O Patris caritas*, [O love of the Father]  
*Nati lenitas!* [O mercy of the Son!]  
Deeply were we stained  
*Per nostra crimina*; [Through our sins]  
But thou has for us gained  
*Caelorum gaudia*. [The joys of heaven]  
O that we were there!

*Ubi sunt gaudia*, [Where are the joys]  
If that they be not there?  
There are angels singing  
*Nova cantica*. [New songs]  
There the bells are ringing  
*In Regis curia*: [In the king's courts]  
O that we were there!

*14th cent. German Carol; trans. Robert Pearsall (1795–1856)*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* It is meet and right so to do.



*The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes*

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**

*Sung by the choir*

**H**OLY, 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.

## THE CANON OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer on BCP page 334. The prayer concludes*

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

**Communion Devotions**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People say the Lord's Prayer.*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*People and Celebrant*

**W**E 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.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Agnus Dei**

*Sung by the choir*

**O**LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*Please remain kneeling. Holy Communion will be brought to you in your pew.*

### Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are welcome to do so on this occasion.

Communion is received in the following way: a priest places the Bread in the palm of your hand, which you then consume. If you do not wish to receive Communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

*For those watching at home who are unable to make their Communion today:*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, inebriate me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;

Passion of Christ, strengthen me;

O good Jesus, hear me;

Within thy wounds hide me;

Suffer me not to be separated from thee;

From the malicious enemy defend me;

In the hour of my death call me,

And bid me come to thee.

That with thy Saints I may praise thee

For ever and ever. Amen.

### Anthem

*What is this lovely fragrance?*

French trad., arr. Joseph Flummerfelt (1937–2019)

**S**HEPHERDS what is this lovely fragrance  
Filling the air this wondrous night?  
Gentler than all the flowers of spring time  
Wafting from heaven in sweet delight.  
Shepherds what is this lovely fragrance  
Filling the air this wondrous night?

What is this light so clear, so brilliant,  
Filling the sky before our eyes?  
Brighter than day a star is shining,  
Ne'er have we seen such radiant skies!  
What is this light so clear, so brilliant,  
Filling the sky before our eyes?

In Bethlehem in lowly manger  
Lies our Redeemer, Lord, and King.  
Come let us hasten to adore him,  
And there to him our praises sing!  
In Bethlehem in lowly manger  
Lies our Redeemer, Lord, and King.

*17th cent. French, tr. Glen Parker*



## CONCLUDING RITES

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*The Celebrant stands and gives the blessing.*

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Hymn 100

Joy to the world! the Lord is come

*Antioch*

### Organ Voluntary

*Postlude on 'Mendelssohn'*

David Willcocks (1919–2015)

## *Altar Arrangements*

*Are given to the glory of God...*

in thanksgiving for Honey Betty and  
Grandpa John Martin by all the grandkids

*six-week  
parish-wide study*

**BEGINS TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 5**

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# THE SIGN AND THE SACRIFICE



The Meaning of the Cross  
and Resurrection

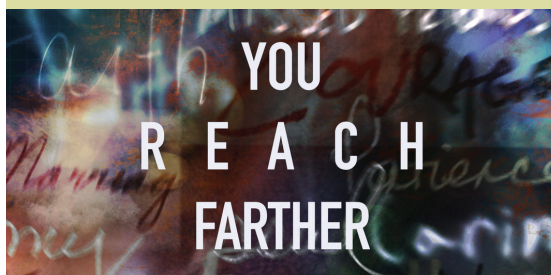
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**SAVE THE DATE**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 AT 6 PM

**COMMUNITY EPIPHANY**  
*Night*



UPTOWN WORSHIP BAND  
ALBUM RELEASE  
CONCERT



SUNDAY, JANUARY 10  
AT 6:30 PM  
NORTH PARKING LOT



### ACT:

*Try to make your act of generosity to  
the church – your first act.*

The way we spend our time and money reveals what is really important to us. When we give the first part of our income to God, on the first day of the week, it is evidence that God holds first place in our hearts. Jesus said, "For wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

Developing a habit of generosity takes time and practice. We hope these acts give you ideas to begin exploring generosity in everyday life with your friends and family.

ACTS OF  
*Generosity*

BECOMING MORE  
LIKE CHRIST

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## WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 940, Christmas Day and Following.

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