



The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 3rd, 2021

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Welcome!

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Prelude

Because we are not yet able to sing as a community, please reflect on the text of all hymns

Opening Hymn

Of the Father's love begotten

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Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth for ever blessed,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

THE WORD OF GOD

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be 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 First Lesson

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

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 Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Celebrant 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."

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

The Homily

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God, who came among us as one of us in the birth of Jesus:
 Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child;
 Draw us, your Church, and all of your people to you – that we might be the Church and the People who you call us to be.

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence; Fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives.

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' Light, and Kings to the brightness of his rising; Draw our nation, our President, and all in authority, to His brightness.

As angels sang 'glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples; Bring us your peace and bring an end to and terror and strife.

As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night; Draw those who do not know you yet to the knowledge and love of you.

As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn; Be especially present with those who have no where to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry.

As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands; Bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel.

As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of Life Eternal; Give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine on them, especially Cody Lowe.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For those who are sick, especially Rosemary, Teresa, Jay, Sharon, Ruth, Hunter, Cheryl, Ralph, Jean, Willie, Bill, Harry, Cindy, Jayne, Ashby, Jane, Macon, Charles, Susan and the Lambert family

Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of this night/season, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray. Amen.

The Peace

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

Blessing and Dismissal

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Angels, from the realms of glory,
 wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 ye, who sang creation's story,
 now proclaim Messiah's birth:
*come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding,
 watching o'er your flocks by night,
 God with you is now residing;
 yonder shines the infant Light:
Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations;
 brighter visions beam afar:
 seek the great Desire of nations;
 ye have seen his natal star:
Refrain

Saints before the altar bending,
 watching long in hope and fear,
 suddenly the Lord, descending,
 in his temple shall appear:
Refrain

Please greet each other with some extended "Holy Honking"!



Serving Today

Officiant	The Rev. Becky Crites
Organist	Mr. Kenyon Scott
Reader	Mr. Rick Dixon

Upcoming Services

Jan 6th Video: The Feast of the Epiphany

January Birthdays

Vic Millner	13
GB Thompson	25
Janis Simpson	31

Vestry Members

Class of 2020: Anne Hunt (Sr. Warden), Carol-Ann Lawson, Laura Chappell
 Class of 2021: Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden), Kenyon Scott
 By Vestry Appointment: Rick Dixon

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If you don't see those two pictures, you are on the old site.

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Update from recent vestry meetings:

In keeping with the diocesan decision for churches to have flexibility in holding Annual Parish Meetings, the vestry has put a priority on being able to meet in person. Therefore, and with diocesan permission, we will wait and hold Emmanuel's at future time in 2021. Further, in order to assist the vestry with its work during this pandemic, we will increase the size of the vestry by one person. The diocese has approved this. Canons do allow for vestries to appoint a vestry person in special circumstances. The person appointed would be allowed to stand for election once election is held. Rick Dixon has accepted this appointment.

Richard Camp, treasurer presented a financial report that showed that our income / expenses will be within budget and we should end the year within our budget, which was a deficit budget. We continue to use investment income for church expenses. He presented the budget for 2021, keeping all expenses the same as this past year.

The new roof has been put on! Inside repairs to the ceiling and rug will begin soon.

The new stained glass window has been put in where the previous window behind the organ had been.

The work for the Patterson Grant will be led by a project manager. The vestry has appointed, and he has accepted, Tred Hunt as our project manager.