Holy Eucharist ♦ 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Christmas | January 5, 2020

PRELUDE

Procession of the Magi
Adrian Vernon Fish

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 119
As with Gladness, Men of Old

Doxology

THE WORLD OF GOD

Christmas Acclamation

Celebrant
Alleluia! For unto us a Child is born;
People
Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia!

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 the holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

EPISTLE

Epiphanius 1:3-6, 15-19a

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 holy grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and how you love one another and all the saints. That is why I, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles, have not ceased to give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.

Eucharistic Prayer

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 124
What Star Is This

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

PEOPLE

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. When the wise men saw their star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Opening their treasures, 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.

PEOPLE

Puer nobis

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,

began, 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 Leader and People pray responsively.

During this holy season in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Silence

Mighty God, bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry—especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Peter, our Bishop; and the clergy of this parish—that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage.

O Come, let us adore him.

God of Peace, bestow your wisdom on all who govern—especially Donald, our President; Ron, our Governor; and the Mayor and members of the Town Council—that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy season.

O Come, let us adore him.

Merciful God, grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy season.

O Come, let us adore him.

Compassionate God, embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience the hope of this holy season.

O Come, let us adore him.

God of Healing, draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially on our prayer list. May they feel the comfort of this holy season.

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God of Light, draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially on our prayer list. May they feel the comfort of this holy season.

O Come, let us adore him.

Nurturing God, strengthen us your children in the bonds of love and commitment, that we may delight in the joy of this holy season.

O Come, let us adore him.

Loving God, open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy season.

O Come, let us adore him.

God of Hope, give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy season.

O Come, let us adore him.

Celebrant

Good and gracious God, you gave us your Son, the Savior of all, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory among the nations, and walk in the footsteps of the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.
The Peace
The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory
Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem
The Blessed Son of God (from Hodie) Ralph Vaughan Williams

Greeting and Announcements

The congregation remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

The Peace

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Offertory
The Blessed Son of God only in a crib poor folk did lie; with our poor flesh and our poor blood was clothed that everlasting good. Kyrie eleison, The Lord Christ Jesus, God’s son dear, was a guest and a stranger here; us for to bring from misery, that we might live eternally, Aye, kyrie eleison. All this did he do freely, for to declare his great mercy; all Christendom be merry therefore, and give him thanks for evermore. Kyrie eleison.

Christmas Doxology
As the gifts are presented, the congregation stands and joins in singing

Regent Square

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold who you are; become what you receive.

We pray for the repose of the soul of
Juan Luis Alvarez

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Communion
In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is the Lord’s table. It is the Lord’s wish that those who want to reaffirm their union with the Lord and each other should receive communion. During communion, please come forward at the direction of the aspersor to the high altar or to the chapel altar, filling in at the altar rail from right to left, and either kneeling or standing to receive. For those who prefer not to use the steps, please either go to the chapel or signal the clergy circulating to request that communion be brought to you in your pew. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive both elements by putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward to receive the bread, and by guiding the chalice lightly to receive the wine. Please note that receiving just the bread or wine alone is fully receiving communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the high altar; let the priest know when you go up to receive.

Hymn 247 Lully, Lailay, Thou Little Tiny Child

May you be blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit and with a glad song enter the Lord’s table. It is the Lord’s wish that those who want to reaffirm their union with the Lord and each other should receive communion.

Postcommunion Prayer
Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing
May the Babe of Bethlehem bring you joy; may the Boy of Nazareth bring you hope; may the Man from Galilee bring you love; may the Risen Lord of Jerusalem bring you peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.

Hymn 109

The First Nowell

The Dismissal
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response
Thanks be to God.

Postlude
Toccata on Antioch (joy to the World) Martin Setchell