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The First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, 29th December 2024

A Service of Morning Prayer



*The Word Made Flesh. Opening page to the Gospel of John,
The St. John's Bible, St. John's University and Abbey, Minnesota*

Welcome

given by the Senior Warden

Prelude

Hymn

Good Christian friends

H.107

Opening Sentence

Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Belovèd in Christ,

Let us praise and worship God who has called us together.

Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

**All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.**

Hear these words of scripture.

(John 4.24)

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
For he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
Through Jesus the Savior of the world.
Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,
And his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm appointed

Psalm 147:13-21

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 **For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; ***
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 **He sends out his command to the earth, ***
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; ***
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 **He declares his word to Jacob, ***
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle

The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
**He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.**
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
**He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.**
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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The Second Reading Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Love came down at Christmas

H.84

The Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of John, Ch. 1:1-18

John 1:1-18

Jean 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the

Au commencement était le Verbe, et le Verbe était tourné vers Dieu, et le Verbe était Dieu. Il était au commencement tourné vers Dieu. Tout fut par lui, et rien de ce qui fut, ne fut sans lui. En lui était la vie et la vie était la lumière des hommes, et la lumière brille dans les ténèbres, et les ténèbres ne l'ont point comprise. Il y eut un homme, envoyé de Dieu: son nom était Jean. Il vint en témoin, pour rendre témoignage à la lumière, afin que tous croient par lui. Il n'était pas la lumière, mais il devait rendre témoignage à la lumière. Le Verbe était la vraie lumière qui, en venant dans le monde, illumine tout homme. Il était dans le monde, et le monde fut par lui, et le monde ne l'a

world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Erin Lederrey

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm together our faith in Jesus Christ.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in

pas reconnu. Il est venu dans son propre bien, et les siens ne l'ont pas accueilli. Mais à ceux qui l'ont reçu, à ceux qui croient en son nom, il a donné le pouvoir de devenir enfants de Dieu. Ceux-là ne sont pas nés du sang, ni d'un vouloir d'homme, mais de Dieu.

Et le Verbe s'est fait chair et il a habité parmi nous et nous avons vu sa gloire, cette gloire que, Fils unique plein de grâce et de vérité, il tient du Père.

Jean lui rend témoignage et proclame :
« Voici celui dont j'ai dit : après moi vient un homme qui m'a devancé, parce que, avant moi, il était. »

De sa plénitude en effet, tous, nous avons reçu, et grâce sur grâce.

Si la Loi fut donnée par Moïse, la grâce et la vérité sont venues par Jésus Christ. Personne n'a jamais vu Dieu ; Dieu Fils unique, qui est dans le sein du Père, nous l'a dévoilé.

the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
forever and ever. Amen**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

The Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you?' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also, with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

What child is this

H.115

We all join in the concluding collect:

**Holy and ever-living God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Announcements

The Grace

Officiant and People: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn

Hark the herald angels sing

H.86

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

This service is taken from *Enriching our Worship*
and the *New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book*.



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Prayers of Intercession: This week we are praying for Alice, Alphonse, Armida and Carlos, Barbara Chong, Brad and Marietta, Christopher, Damien, Daniel, Dawn and Lauren, Erik, Eva, Gianni, Helen, Hélène, Julien, Karen, Ki-Soo, Kristina, Leroy and Peggy, Lesley, Margaret, Marguerite, Mary, Mary and her family, Milki, Patricia, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Silvia and her parents, Sohair, Terry, Tim, Yan and Jacqueline, and Zéli.

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