

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day**

**January 3, 2021**



**Trinity Church**

**Jacksonville, Illinois**



## PRELUDE

*Toccata on "Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

arr. L. Smith

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)

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

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

Amen.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are 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.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE (BCP p. 324)**

Glory 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 OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)**

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

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>7</sup>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.’

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.’

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>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.  
<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty;”  
says the LORD.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 84**

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of  
the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
<sup>2</sup>The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.  
<sup>3</sup>Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.  
<sup>4</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.  
<sup>5</sup>Those who go through the desolate valley will find it  
a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of  
water.  
<sup>6</sup>They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.  
<sup>7</sup>LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

- <sup>8</sup>Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- <sup>9</sup>For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in  
my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- <sup>10</sup>For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;
- <sup>11</sup>No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19a</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                        Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

*All stand.*

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

*People*            Glory be to thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>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.” <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>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.”

<sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>“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.” <sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>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.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)**



## THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

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

Celebrant: The Savior is born in Bethlehem, and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us make our prayers and supplications unto Almighty God, saying, "*Lord have mercy upon us.*"

*All kneel.*

**Lector:** For the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of God -- and especially for The Diocese of Springfield, The Episcopal Church, and The Anglican Communion; that it may be filled with the spirit of truth, unity and concord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

For all bishops and other ministers -- and especially for Daniel, Michael, Justin, Emmanuel, and Julio; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth the true and lively Word of God, and rightly and duly administer His holy sacraments, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

For all the holy People of God, for Trinity Church; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive the holy Word of God, truly serving Him in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

For all those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our President Donald, our President-Elect Joseph, and our Governor J B, that God may lead them to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world; and for all those serving in active military service and law enforcement, especially Courtland, Levi, Nolan, Owen, Rankin, and Thomas; let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

For all the people of the earth that God would open their eyes to see His gracious hand in all His works; and that, rejoicing in His whole creation, they may honor Him with their substance, and be

faithful stewards of His bounty, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

For all those who are celebrating anniversaries this week, especially George, Fr. Kip, and Bob & Yvonne, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

For all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, or sickness, especially Charley and Franz; that God, in His goodness, would comfort and succor them in their adversity, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

For all God's servants who have departed this life in His faith and fear; that God would grant them continual growth in His love and service, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

For the grace to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St. David, and all His saints; that with them we may be made partakers of His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

**Celebrant:** Almighty and most merciful God, who sent Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to share in our humanity, that we might share in His divinity; fulfill now the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in This Age knowledge of Thy truth, and in the Age to Come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from

henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Almighty 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 Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who 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.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.



## **PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 333)**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

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 (BCP p. 333)**

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.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ 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 memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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 Testament, 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 Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly 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 here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)**

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

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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 337)**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*



**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)**

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

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.*

**INVITATION (BCP p. 338)**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP P. 339)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty 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.*

**BLESSING (BCP p. 339)**

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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)**

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* German Carol /  
Douglas

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## INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

### **The Church**

The Diocese of Springfield

Daniel, Bishop

The Episcopal Church

Michael, Presiding Bishop

The Church of England

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

The Diocese of the Anglican

Province of Alexandria

St. John the Baptist Church (Mt. Carmel)

Milambo Parish (Tanzania)

Emmanuel, Priest

The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity

& Missions, (Peru)

Julio, Vicar General

### **Baptism**

George Johnson (1/3)

### **Ordination Anniversary**

Fr. Kip Ashmore (1/7)

### **Wedding**

Bob & Yvonne Bradley (1/6)

### **For those who suffer from any sickness or distress**

Charley

Franz

### **Those on active military duty and in law enforcement**

Owen Blackorby

Thomas Ramsay

Samuel Rankin Weller

Levi Haley

Nolan Tighe

Courtland Woodruff

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