

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH
2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



The First Sunday of Christmas
SUNG EUCHARIST

December 27, 2020 ~ 11:15 am

*No matter who you are or where you are in your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here.*

Those of us participating in the livestream at the church are observing the physical distance and mask-wearing guidelines required by our diocese. These practices have been created in consultation with local public health officials. Given the nature of this pandemic, these practices may be changing from week to week as the situation develops.

Prelude *Prelude on DIVINUM MYSTERIUM*

Wilbur Held (1914–2015)

Hymn 82, *Of the Father's love begotten (verses 1, 2, and 4)*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2 O that birth for ev - er bles - sed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sa - vior of our race;
hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prai - ses be;

of the things that are, that have been, and that
and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re -
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e -

fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.

Collect for Purity

Presider Let us pray together.

Almighty God,

All 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise, Hymn 96, *Angels we have heard on high (verses 1 and 3)*

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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 Reading from the Book of Isaiah — 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.

after the Lesson:

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain, sung by a cantor and repeated by all:



Verses, sung by soloist:

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;

For God has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you. *Refrain*

God has established peace on your borders, and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

God sends out a command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly. *Refrain*

God gives snow like wool, and scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

God scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against the cold?

God sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow. *Refrain*

God declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and judgments to Israel.

God has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah! *Refrain*

A Reading from the Letter to the Galatians — 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.

after the Lesson:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation, *From the dawning of creation*

ST. THOMAS

The Holy Gospel — Luke 2:22–40

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents

brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

after the Gospel:

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Laura Eberly, *Deacon*

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The 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,
begotten, 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People

Asst. Min. Let us pray to Jesus our Savior.
Intercessor Christ, born vulnerable, born outside the bounds, born to struggle, born to redeem:

All **hear our prayer.**

Christ, for our church, that we not be afraid to leave our sanctuary,
Jesus, Savior,
hear our prayer.

Christ, for President Donald Trump, President-elect Joe Biden, the Congress of the United States, and all in leadership, let them be led by the spirit of peace and justice,
Jesus, Savior,
hear our prayer.

Christ, for our community, for our siblings who sleep on our streets, for those who worry about securing shelter next month,
Jesus, Savior,
hear our prayer.

Christ, be with those who have lost something precious this season,
Jesus, Savior,
hear our prayer.

Christ, for any who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially those suffering from the Coronavirus, and all who are caring for them,
Jesus, Savior,
hear our prayer.

Christ, lead the departed into your heavenly kingdom and be present with their loved ones in their grief,
Jesus, Savior,
hear our prayer.

Presider Jesus, Savior, holy child and Eternal Word, you hear us even when we do not have the words to pray. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please take a moment in prayer to extend Christ's peace to the people in your life.

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgivings of the Community

At this time, as we gather for the Great Thanksgiving around Christ's table, we invite any here this morning to share thanks (via the comments section on the livestream) for the movement of God's Spirit in your own life: thanks for a birthday, an anniversary, a new job, an unexpected act of compassion, or other grace-filled change in your life.



Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord.— We just want to thank you, Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Please consider giving to support the work of All Souls in our community and in the wider world via the links on our website or via a check to the office.

Presider Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances... —1 Thessalonians 5:16–18a

At the Offertory, *In the bleak midwinter*

CRANHAM, arr. Christopher Putnam (1967–2018)
rev. Jamie Apgar (b. 1986)

Members of the Choir sing two verses:

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

All join in singing the final verse:

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shep - herd,
I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my
part; yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

—Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

The Great Thanksgiving (*The Eucharistic Prayer is written by The Reverend Alissa Newton.*)

Please stand.

<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
May_ God be___ with_ you. And_ al - so with you.	
Lift_____ up your_ hearts.____ We lift_____ them to___ the Lord.____	
Let us give thanks_____ to the Lord our God. It is right_____ to give our thanks and praise.____	

Presider Loving and powerful God, we praise you, we bless you, and we adore you; we rejoice to give thanks. You revealed your love for us in the newborn Christ Child, your only Son; He was made flesh through your Holy Spirit, Who first moved over the waters of creation, and still moves over the chaos of our lives.

We see in the newborn Jesus your love incarnate; through that love, we become your children, new and tender, yet full of hope for what is to come. Holy One, when your Christ was born all the heavens burst into song, and all creation cried out in joy. And so we join the mountains, winds, and water falls, with angels and stars, sheep and shepherds, and all your children as we sing:

Sanctus & Benedictus

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, adapt. Jamie Apgar (b. 1986)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,_____ God of pow - er, God of might,
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the One who comes_____ in the
 name_____ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We behold you with wonder, Creator of all who became a child among us. You walk alongside your people with love and forgive us with freedom. When we wander far from you, you are like a mother whose patience for her children knows no limit; you are like a child whose trust is freely extended to all. You lived as one of us, and stayed with us through all your life, even dying on a cross. Through Jesus the child and Jesus the man, You brought us into the fullness of your life, and gave us back our full humanity.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink this, all of you: this cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that he did for us: his incarnation as a child, his death on the cross, his resurrection and ascension, and longing for Christ’s coming in glory, we offer you these gifts your earth has nourished and human hands have made. We acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Being born, you gave us life,**
 Dying, you destroyed our death.
 Rising, you saved us.
 Christ Jesus, arrive among us!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, children of your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life and Father of Mercy, may we receive you as little children. Bless us with new life as your people, give us the strength and solace of your love, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary, the God-bearer, and all your people into your joyful kingdom.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Ho - ly Spi - rit,
we worship you our God and Cre - a - tor: Bles-sed are you now and for ev - er.

All

A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844–1908)

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Cantor

Our Fa - ther in heaven,

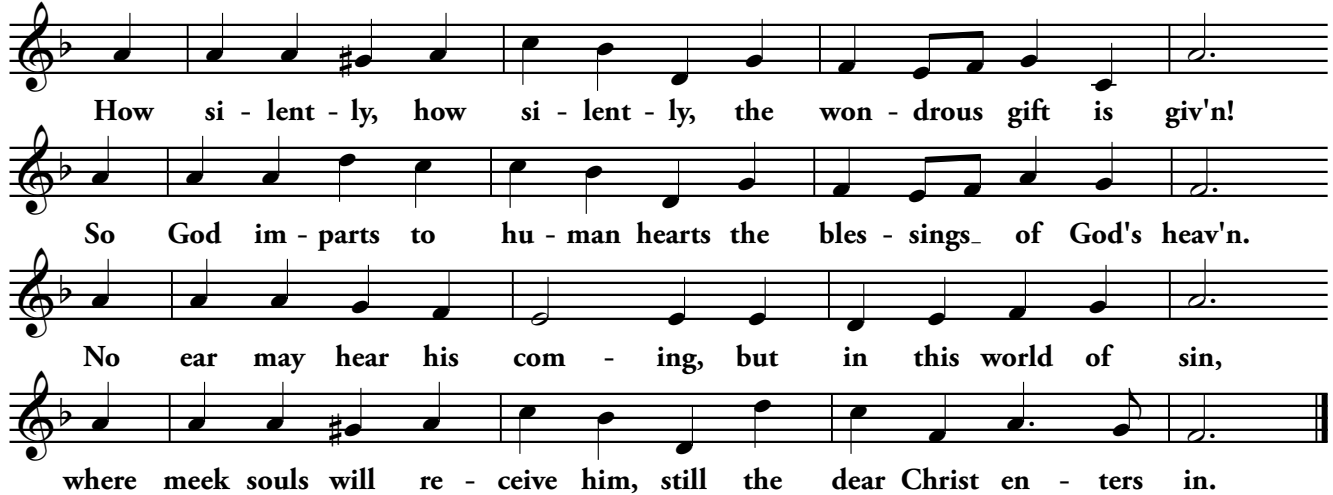
Hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come. Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who

sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

After the Presider breaks the bread for us to share, a moment of prayerful silence is kept. We then sing:



How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bles - sings of God's heav'n.
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Since the celebration of Resurrection on that first Sunday, Christians have been remembering Christ's presence in bread and wine. We will be keeping this practice week by week with different members of All Souls receiving for the community.

For centuries the Church has also come to trust in the presence of Christ with us even when we cannot partake in the bread and wine, what is often known as spiritual communion. As the bread and wine are being shared at the altar at All Souls, we invite you to pray this prayer and ask Christ to be present with you.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you this day in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to be present spiritually in my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Adapted from A Prayer Book for the Armed Services 2008, page 147

At Communion, *I saw a maiden*

Basque Carol, arr. Edgar Pettman (1866–1943)

I saw a maiden sitting and sing: she lulled a child, a little Lording.
Lullay, lullay, my dear son, my sweeting. Lullay, lullay, my dear heart, my own dear darling.
 This very God, who made all things, is Lord of lords and King of kings. *Lullay...*
 Heaven rang with music at this child's birth: the angels sang and made much mirth. *Lullay...*
 Pray we to the child and to his mother dear; his blessing to them that make now cheer. *Lullay...*
 —15th-century carol, alt.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray. *All stand.*

All Loving God,
**we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**
**Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Christmas Blessing

May almighty God, who sent their Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of their holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent their angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you their peace and favor. **Amen.** And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 99, *Go tell it on the mountain*

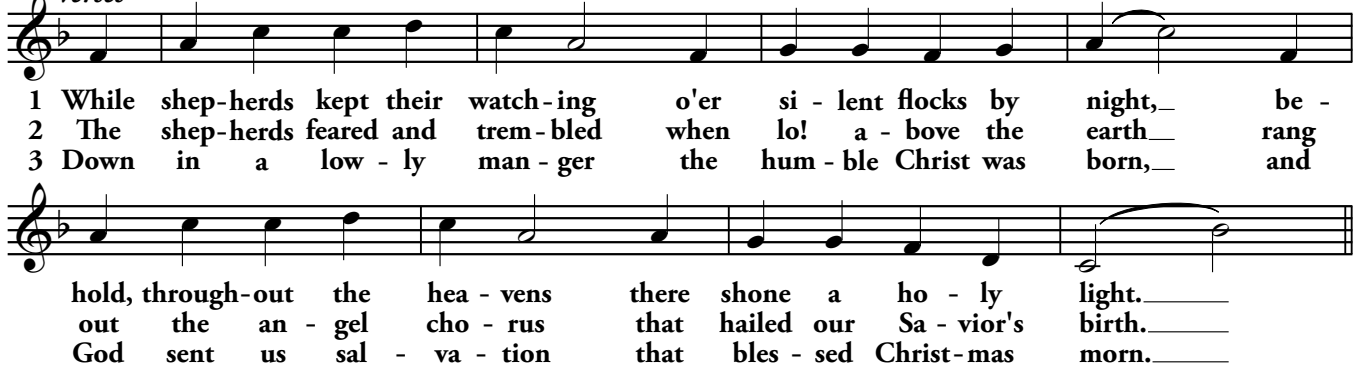
Spiritual

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where; -
go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

Verses



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, - be -
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth - rang
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, - and
hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light. _____
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth. _____
God sent us sal - va - tion that bles - sed Christ - mas morn. _____

Dismissal

Asst. Min. Go forth into the world, giving glory to the newborn King!

People Thanks be to God!

PARTICIPATING TODAY

11:15 SERVICE

<i>Presiding</i>	The Rev. Maggie Foote
<i>Preaching & Assisting</i>	The Rev. Laura Eberly
<i>Lectors</i>	Ed Hofmann & Caroline McCall
<i>Intercessor</i>	Toni Martinez Borgfeldt
<i>Camera</i>	Jim Feeley
<i>Sound</i>	Scott Garriot
<i>Digital Liaisons</i>	Will Bryant & Calvin Payne-Taylor
<i>Musicians</i>	Dr. Jamie Apgar, <i>cantor, organist, and pianist</i>
	Sarita Cannon, <i>soprano</i>
	Deidre Nurre, <i>alto</i>
	Ed Hofmann, <i>Angel Band leader</i>