

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH
2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



The First Sunday of Christmas
December 27, 2020 ~ 9:00 am

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

For this Zoom service, we ask that you be mindful of background noises and mute your microphone when not speaking. Thank you!

Prelude

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.

All 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 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.
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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

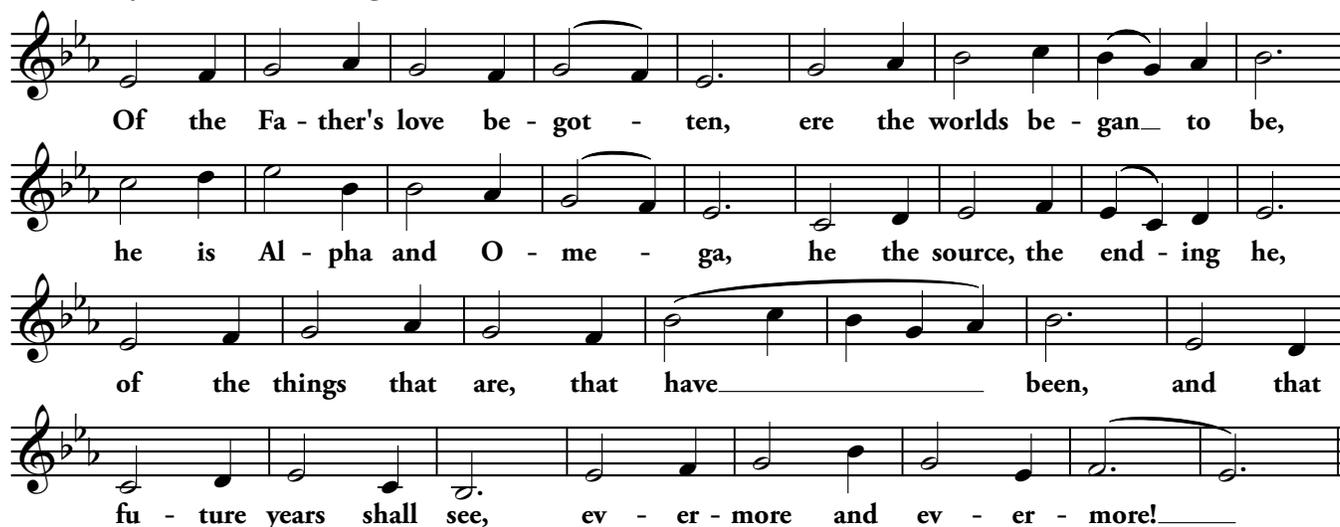
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth 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.**

Hymn 82, *Of the Father's love begotten* (verse 1)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan_ to be,
he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,
of the things that are, that have _____ been, and that
fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!_____

The Holy Gospel — John 1:1–18

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 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.

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:
Jesus, Savior,

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 Zoom chat) 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.

Song of Thanksgiving

Spiritual



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

The Lord's Prayer

Presider When his friends asked him how to pray, Jesus gave these words,

All **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,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Communion

Presider Let us pray.

**God our Savior: Meet us in this time and place;
focus our hearts on your love, feed the hungry
places of our souls, release us from all that resists
your grace, and renew our bodies to serve your world.
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.**

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God!**

PARTICIPATING TODAY

11:15 SERVICE

Presiding The Rev. Phil Brochard
Preaching & Assisting The Rev. Laura Eberly
Musicians Dr. Jamie Apgar, *cantor*
Nat Lewis, *strings*