

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH
2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



The Second Sunday of Christmas
January 3, 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.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah — Isaiah 31:7–14

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." 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. 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. 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." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. 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. 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. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

after the Lesson:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 115, *What child is this?* (verses 1 and 3)

GREENSLEEVES



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him;
Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The Holy Gospel — Matthew 2:1–12

Gospeller 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; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem,

saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, 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.

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. Michael Lemaire
Musicians Dr. Jamie Apgar, *cantor*
Carol Terry, *piano*