

The First Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 2020

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Order of Worship

We invite you to follow the service in the Book of Common Prayer by referencing the page numbers listed. If you do not have a Prayer Book but would like one, you can order one [here](#). All parts of the service are projected in-house or subtitled in our live video, except for the sermon.

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Isaiah 61:10-62:5

10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul 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 like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

Zion's Coming Salvation

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

2 The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name

that the mouth of the Lord will give.
3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
5 For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 147:12-20

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12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion.
13 For he has made strong the bars of your gates *
and has blessed your children within you.
14 He makes peace in your borders *
and fills you with the finest of wheat.
15 He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
16 He gives snow like wool *
and scatters the white frost like ashes.
17 He casts forth his ice like crumbs; *
who is able to abide his frost?
18 He sends out his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
19 He declares his word unto Jacob, *
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
20 He has not dealt so with other nations; *
neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the Lord.

Galatians 3:23-4:7

23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.
1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we

also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Gradual

John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

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The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Neil, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. We also pray for those who persecute your people; forgive them and turn their hearts toward you through the faithful witness of those they persecute.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

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If you would like to give, you may do so online at servantsanglican.org/give.

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Hymn for Processing into the World

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

By John W. Work, Sandra McCracken

*Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent his salvation
That blessed Christmas morn' *Refrain*

Refrain

That Jesus Christ is born
That Jesus Christ is born
That Jesus Christ is born

The Blessing

The Dismissal

To honor this parish's origins in the Anglican Church of Kenya we use the dismissal from the Kenyan Prayer Book.

Mission Spotlight

The Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) aims to bring Anglican Christians together to demonstrate the love of Christ and spread the Gospel by helping the poor and needy through leaders working in their own communities. Their goal is to empower local leaders to solve the problems they identify as priorities. Because of ARDF's deep connection with the leaders in the Global Anglican Church, they are relational at the core. ARDF has even helped with hurricane recovery; you may recall that we sent support to ARDF for Hurricane Harvey relief which helped Anglican churches in Houston in August 2017. Learn more at ardf.org.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

Those who labor for our common good: tutors and volunteers

The least reached people group: Northern Uzbeki of Central Asia

The persecuted church in: Afghanistan

First responders, relief & healthcare workers, and armed forces personnel connected to Servants: Tom Benton, Jeannie Bey, Sarah Chandler, Scottie Daquila, Danielle Elswick, Ethan Gibson, Rick Guerry, Annette Hall, John Harris, Lisa Kincaid, Libby King, Peter King, Chris Lewis, Barbara Matthews, Tiebout McCrea, Steve McCready, Tom McGee, Taylor Moore, Kate Norton, Josh Pothen, and Andrew Thompson

Clergy of our parish: Foley, our Archbishop; Neil, our Bishop; Alex, our Rector; Bob and James, assisting clergy; and Sherry in Live Oak

Churches in our diocese: Trinity Anglican, Thomasville, GA; Grace Point Anglican Fellowship, Homosassa, FL; St. Michael's Anglican Fellowship, Andalusia, AL

Specific needs in our parish: Healing—Tim Austin, Bob Doak, Lourdes Gonzalez, Don Hearn, Karen Langer, Sandra Mixson, and Stan Reigger; Servants at home—Barbara & Tim Austin, Charlotte Barrett, Judi Burger & Rick Mulligan, Jan Campana-Schrottke & Gus Schrottke, Lina Colondres, Mary Coryell, Walter & Alice Crosby, Kathleen Crosby, Shirley Edelstein, Jerri Fisher, Ruben Flores, Marcelo Flores, Larry & Leslie Goble, Ken Handley, Andrew & Claudia Hanson, Karen Haskell, Lynn Jacobs, Joyce La Cagnina, Anne Lawson, Bob Lyons & Rae Maren-Lyons, Jim & Raye Moulthrop, Elena Rhodes, Felix Santana, Nan Szypulski-Lewis, Al Thrower

Announcements

CoffeeChat: Join Fr. Bob and others in our congregation on Zoom at 11:00am today for fellowship. Visitors to our online service are most welcome! Bring your coffee and hang out for half an hour. Get the link at servantsanglican.org/coffeechat.

RSVP for Sunday: Thanks to all who continue to faithfully RSVP each week. You make it possible for the staff to plan our Sundays in the safest way possible. You can reply if you plan to attend this Sunday at servantsanglican.org/reopening. To get reminders, complete our [digital connect card](#).

Aletheia in the Parking Lot: We'd like to make sure that those of you attending in person (and those who may want to attend soon) know that Aletheia is meeting outside in the parking lot behind the church. They have left a way out for us, so be sure not to go out the campus entrance, but go as far north in the parking lot as possible, then east as far as you can go to get around their service. Signs will direct you to the exit. We're asking that all drivers honor the traffic pattern of the campus so that accidents can be avoided.

Financial Update

We know that money talk can be a real turn-off. We rarely talk about it, but we always include this as a way to be transparent to our parish. Amounts are current as of December 20.

November Budget: \$26,555

2021 Budget YTD: \$167,440

November Giving: \$27,491

2021 Giving YTD: \$131,229