

The Second Sunday of Christmas

January 3, 2021

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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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Jeremiah 31:7-14

7 For thus says the Lord:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'O Lord, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.'”

8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

9 With weeping they shall come,
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10 “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 keeps his flock.'
11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
12 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 be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.
13 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.
14 I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
declares the Lord."

Psalm 84

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1 How lovely are your dwellings, *
O Lord God of hosts!
2 My soul has a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; *
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3 Indeed, the sparrow has found her a house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *
even your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4 Blessed are they who dwell in your house; *
they will be always praising you.
5 Blessed is the one whose strength is in you, *
in whose heart are your ways,
6 Who going through the valley of misery uses it for a well; *
indeed, the early rains fill the pools with water.
7 They will go from strength to strength, *
and the God of gods shall be seen by them in Zion.
8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
9 Behold, O God, our defender, *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
10 For one day in your courts *
is better than a thousand;
11 I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God *
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
12 For the Lord God is a light and defense; *

the Lord will give grace and honor, and no good thing shall he withhold from those who live a godly life.
13 O Lord God of hosts, *
blessed is the one who puts his trust in you.

Ephesians 1:3-14

3 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, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Gradual

Matthew 2:1-12

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.""
7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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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Worship Song

Hymn for Processing into the World

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

By W. Chatterton Dix

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

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.

In Person: Communion for those who wish to stay

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: waiters and writers

The least reached people group: Northern Yemeni Arabs of North Africa & the Middle East

The persecuted church in: Somalia

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: St. Barnabas Church, Jacksonville, FL; New Life Anglican Church, Lake Placid, FL; St. Peter's Mission, Daleville, MS

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.

Soaking Prayer: Tuesday, January 5, on Zoom, 6:30-7:30pm. Join the prayer team to pray and be prayed for in a quiet, reverent atmosphere. All the details on how to connect are below the Financial Update section. Contact Mary Langeland with any questions at marylang704@gmail.com.

Register for COVID-19 Vaccine: If you're 65+ and are interested in receiving the vaccine to prevent COVID-19, you can register with the county at [this link](#).

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 27.

November Budget: \$26,555

2021 Budget YTD: \$174,100

November Giving: \$27,491

2021 Giving YTD: \$146,134

You are invited to Soaking Prayer via Zoom!

Soaking Prayer will be Tuesday, January 5, 2020 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. We will meet online using the Zoom app.

- + Email questions to Mary Langeland at marylang704@gmail.com or call or text 352-226-0209. If you text, please indicate your name in the text.
- + On the evening of January 5 at 6:30 p.m., click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3686416869> which will bring you to the narthex/main meeting room. There a host will greet you, answer any questions and admit you to one of the prayer/breakout rooms, each with two intercessors who will pray privately for you.
- + If you need to wait for an available prayer room, the host will admit you to the sanctuary/breakout room with worship music by Rick Guerry. You may soak in the sacred sounds as you wait or turn the sound down on your computer and mediate.
- + Once you have received prayer, you leave the prayer room to return to the narthex, either leaving the service, or the host can admit you to the sanctuary to listen to Rick's music.

"Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, you that stand by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion." Psalm 134