

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Second Sunday after Christmas

8:30 and 10:30 am • January 4, 2025

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

THE PRELUDE

Christmas Meditation

James Reed

The Angelus is a traditional litany that recalls the Incarnation, consisting of scriptural verses and prayers centered on the Annunciation. While more commonly seen in Roman Catholic practice, it can also be incorporated into Episcopal devotion as a reminder of Christ's presence and the significance of Mary's "yes" to God's call.

Leader The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

Response **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Leader Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Response **Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Leader Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

Response **Be it done unto me according to your word.**

Leader Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Response **Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Leader And the WORD was made flesh,

Response **And dwelt among us.**

Leader Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Response **Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Leader Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
Response **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Leader Let us pray.
Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

93. Angels from the realms of glory *Regent Square*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | CG 3

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE SONG OF PRAISE:

8:30 Glory to God *BCP 356 | CG 5*
10:30 S280. Gloria *Robert Powell*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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.**

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

Children aged 3–11 are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment. There is no Children's Formation today, so afterward they may return to their seats in the pews.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84: 1-8

Quam dilecta!

We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3–6; 15–19a

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, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

87. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1–12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glorify 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.

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

THE SERMON

Kate Mohan

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358 | CG 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we continue along the path of the Savior's birth, we gather in Bethlehem to celebrate Christ's arrival. We lift up our prayers for peace and goodwill, saying, Incarnate God, hear our prayer.

May the universal church, especially the members of this congregation, be like the Angels heralding the birth of Christ, and proclaim the inclusive love and exuberant grace of God to the world. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit be like Elizabeth and find healing and joy infusing their bodies and souls in unexpected ways. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May we be like the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks, ready to leap into action, as we offer our care and compassion for a hurting and worried world. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May we be like Zachariah and allow God's hand to cover our mouths when it is best that we not speak, and instead listen and pray. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May we be like Joseph and dream of a just and equitable creation, a dream that sees the presence of the incarnate God in all things, and in our dreams, invites us to be a part of the new creation. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May we be like Mary, trusting in God's providence, leading by word and example,

lifting up the lowly, filling the hungry with good things, and toppling towers of injustice. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May we, like the wise men, seek light, follow the star and not be afraid of where the Holy Spirit is calling us in the year ahead. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360 | CG 13

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Puer natus in Bethlehem

Dietrich Buxtehude

THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

103. A Child is Born in Bethlehem vss 1 & 2

Puer natus in Bethlehem

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367 | CG 29

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

8:30

BCP 362 | CG 19

10:30 S128 (Sanctus)

William Mathias

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 45

THE FRACTION

BCP 364 | CG 23

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION HYMN:

112. In the bleak midwinter

Cranham

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366 | CG 27

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN:

99. Go tell it on the mountain

Go Tell it on the Mountain

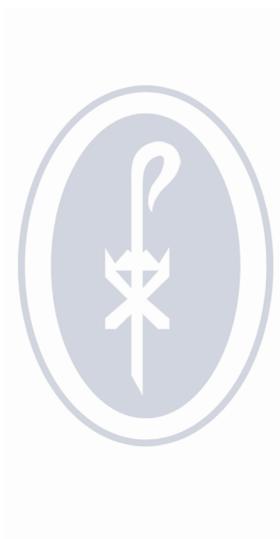
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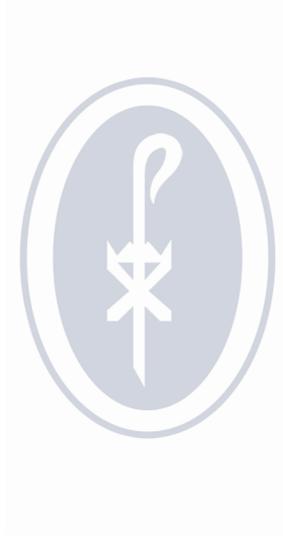
The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond
Thanks be to God. Alleluja.

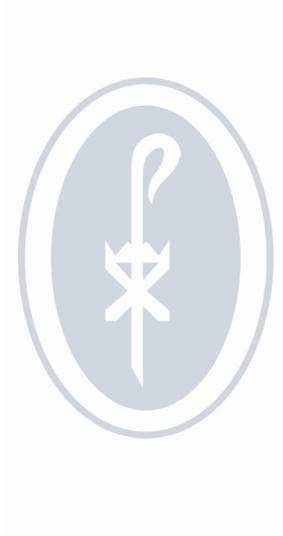
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Rigaudon

André Campra









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