



## Sunday, January 5, 2025- The Second Sunday after Christmas

Processional Hymn      The first Nowell the angel did say      (H 109 v 1,2,6)

*1. The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on cold winter's night that was so deep.*

***Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.***

*2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Refrain*

*6. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made Heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. Refrain*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People:      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah**

**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.

The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 84**

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.**

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;**

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

**12 O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!**

#### **A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the 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.

The Word of the Lord.      **People Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn                      What Child is this who laid to rest                      (H 115 v 3)**

*3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh ,come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing, haste, haste, to bring Him laud The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

**Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke      2:41-52**

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon    The Rev Peter Steinbrenner**

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who need healing and comfort. And all who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

#### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **Celebrations of Life – Welcome visitors – Blessings, Birthdays, and Anniversaries For a Birthday**

Watch over your child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may your peace which passes understand abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For an Anniversary**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### **The Holy Communion**

*Gluten free communion is available.*

### **Presentation of the Elements**

**Offertory Hymn**                      **The snow lay on the ground**                      **(H 110)**

1. *The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright, when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night. Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum. Refrain:*

***Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.***

2. *'Twas Mary, daughter pure of holy Anne, that brought into this world the God made man. She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem; the ass and oxen shared the roof with them.*

***Refrain***

3. *Saint Joseph, too, was by to tend the child; to guard him, and protect his mother mild; the angels hovered round, and sang this song, Venite adoremus Dominum. Refrain*

4. *And thus that manger poor became a throne; for he whom Mary bore was God the Son. O come, then, let us join the heavenly host; to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Refrain*

### **Presentation of Offering                      Doxology**

*O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!*

### **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A**

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 our thanks and praise**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say;

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

***Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn                      Once in Royal David's City                      (H 102 v 1,2,3,6)**

*1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

*2. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*3. We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display heaven's Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas Day, yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.*

*.6. All Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round, we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround: Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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 Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn                      God rest you merry, gentleman                      (H 105)**

*1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day, to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.*

***Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!***

*2. From God our heavenly Father a blessèd angel came and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.*

***Refrain***

*3. "Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might." **Refrain***

*4. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and charity each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. **Refrain***

**Dismissal:**

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## 2024 Vestry

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## Announcements

**Interim Priest:** Fr Robert Antony Rhodes will be joining Epiphany as Interim Priest in mid-February. Information about Fr Rob is in the Narthex.

**Chili Dinner: Jan. 12th 5:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Vestry honors clergy and first time pledgers at this dinner. Sign up in Narthex - please sign if you are coming so enough tables and chairs are set.

**Annual Meeting: Jan 26** after 10am service. This meeting is where we elect new Vestry members and Delegates to Convention this coming Oct. 9-11th at Trinity Cathedral in Reno. We also have the 2025 Budget presented along with booklet with reports from all our ministries here at Epiphany.

**Women of Epiphany Bible Study:** The Bible study will meet each Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm starting January 8th, in classroom. All women aged 10 and up are welcome to join. Information may be found in the Narthex. Please contact Katherine Zagajeski if you have a question.

**January Food Drive:** Epicenter is in need of the following for January 2025: cans with pop tops of tuna, chicken, pasta, Mac and cheese, boxed cereal, any soups, infant formula, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, canned or individual servings of fruit or puddings, hotel size soaps, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Thank you!

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