

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it: BCP p. 81

Officiant and People **Come let us adore him.**

Jubilate

Psalm 100

BCP p. 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant and People **The earth is the Lord's for he made it:**

Come let us adore him.

BCP p. 81

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The Word was made flesh and dwelt a - mong us.

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.

[Refrain]

- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.

[Refrain]

- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

[Refrain]

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

[61: 10 – 62: 3]

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being 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 with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's

sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 247 *Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child* COVENTRY CAROL

Burden

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, bye-bye, lully, lullay.

St. 1 *O sisters, to how may we do for to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing bye-bye, lully, lullay.*

St. 2 *Herod the King in his raging charg-ed he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.*

St. 3 *That woe is me, poor child for thee! And every morn and day
For thy parting nor say nor sing bye-bye, lully, lullay.*

Repeat Burden after stanza 3

A Reading from the Gospel of John [1: 1 – 18]

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to

become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

The Rev. Nicola Bowler

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

Then follows this set of Suffrages

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

On Sunday

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Hymn 100

Joy to the world ANTIOCH, arr. John Rutter

- St. 1 *Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*
- St. 2 *Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*
- St. 3 *No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.*
- St. 4 *He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations
prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of his love.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of
this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving
care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and
for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to
acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant

May the God of hope fill us with all the joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (*Romans 15:13*)

Postlude

Announcements for December 27, 2020

Because of the holidays please note the following changes to our weekly schedule:

The Cathedral Office will be closed on Monday, December 28 and on Friday, January 1, 2021

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