



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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The Second Sunday after Christmas Day
Choral Eucharist

Sunday, January 3, 2021 **Ten o'clock in the morning**

Organ Voluntary

Hymn 109

The first Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

- St. 1 The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!
- St. 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
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!
- St. 3 And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

The Greeting

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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.**

The Gloria (in the front section of the Hymnal)

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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.**

THE LESSONS

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

[31: 7 – 14]

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 “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.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

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REFRAIN



How dear to me is your dwell-ing, O Lord of hosts!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling,*
 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.

[Refrain]

- 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.

[Refrain]

- 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.

[Refrain]

- 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.

[Refrain]

A Reading from the Letter of 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 towards 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 glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 124*What star is this*

PUER NOBIS

- St. 1 What star is this, with beams so bright,
 More beautiful than the noonday light?
 It shines to herald for the King
 And Gentiles to His crib to bring
- St. 2 True spake the prophet from afar
 Who told the rise of Jacob's star;
 And eastern sages with amaze
 Upon this wondrous token gaze.
- St. 3 The guiding star above is bright;
 Within them shines a clearer light,
 And leads them on with power benign
 To seek the Giver of the sign.

The Holy Gospel

[Matthew 2: 1 – 12]

All Stand

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

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

In the time of King Her'od, 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 Her'od 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 Her'od 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 Her'od, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Nicola Bowler

THE NICENE CREED, *standing*

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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

Celebrant: Please stand or kneel for prayer.

Intercessor: The true light has come into the world, and we have seen his glory. We pray that this light will always shine through us as we make our way through the world you have made. Lord, hear us

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor: We pray that the true light will illumine your faithful people. We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons who guide and support your people in their ministries. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our bishop; for Fr. Troy, Amma Nicola, Fr. Zeb., Deacon John, Mark, John, and Jovan; for all lay and ordained ministers, and Jean, preparing for ordination. In our companion Diocese of Brechin we pray for the clergy and people of St. Andrew, Brechin; in our companion Diocese of Nzara we pray for the clergy and people of Rangu Parish; in our companion Diocese of Swaziland we pray for the clergy and people of Mankayane Parish; in our own Diocese we pray for the clergy and people of St Peter, Bettendorf; St Alban, Davenport; St Mark, Maquoketa; for Kirsten, preparing for confirmation; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and people of The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. Lord, hear us

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor: We pray that the true light will enlighten those in authority throughout the world; that the way to justice and peace will be clear, that the needs of people in every corner of the world will be met, and that violence and poverty will be no more. Lord, hear us

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor: We pray that the true light will highlight those who need your love and peace the most; those who suffer from illness and anxiety, those whose relationships are broken, those who live in fear and despair. We pray for healing for those among us who are in need of it. Lord, hear us

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor: We pray that those who have died will be joyfully received into your eternal light, and find bliss in your everlasting glory. We pray for the recently departed including all those who have died from complications of COVID-19. Bring us into your glorious light when our journey here is complete. Lord, hear us

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor: We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who has brought us out of darkness into the light. Lord, hear us

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.

Concluding Collect, spoken by the Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory Anthem *In the Bleak Midwinter*

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Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Sanctus

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author

of our salvation. 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 for ever. **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

[Drive-up communion from the reserved sacrament is available on Sundays from 9:00-9:30 am. Please park in our parking lot and a server will come out to pray with you and share the sacrament with you. Facial coverings are required.]

Communion Music

After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

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

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 99

Go tell it on the mountain GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

[Refrain]

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

St. 1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light

[Refrain]

St. 2 The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth

[Refrain]

St. 3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

[Refrain]

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Announcements for January 3, 2021

Video Livestream Fundraiser!

St. Paul's is raising funds for a permanent, three-camera, video livestream system that will allow us to make our services accessible to those who are not able to be present in person and allow us to extend our ministry into Des Moines, the Diocese of Iowa, and beyond. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, your donation will be matched one-to-one up to \$5,000. You can give via the cathedral website by clicking [here](#) and selecting "Video Livestream System" from the dropdown menu, mail a check to the office with "Video Livestream System" on the memo line, or text your donation to 515-207-8133 keyword livestream. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of St. Paul's!

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