



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

January 2, 2022 The Second Sunday after Christmas

8:00 am Morning Prayer

## Opening Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

## Confession of Sin \_\_\_\_\_

*The Officiant says to the people,*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together,*

**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 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 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. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

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.

### Psalm 84:1-8

- 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.
- 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.

## The Lessons

### The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

*Reader*        A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle H

*A Song of Hosea*

*Hosea 6:1-3*

Come, let us return to our God, \* who has torn us and will heal us.  
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, \* after two days revive us,  
On the third day restore us, \*  
that in God's presence we may live.  
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, \* whose justice dawns like morning light,  
its dawning as sure as the sunrise.  
God's justice will come to us like a shower, \* like spring rains that water the earth.

## The Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a*

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

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.**

## Canticle A

*A Song of Wisdom*

*Wisdom 10:15-19,20b-21*

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors \* a holy people and a blameless race.  
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, \* withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.  
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, \* and led them by a marvelous way;  
She was their shelter by day \* and a blaze of stars by night.  
She brought them across the Red Sea, \* she led them through mighty waters;  
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves \*  
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.  
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, \* and praised with one voice your  
protecting hand;  
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, \*  
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

## Third Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Tracie Little

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People say together,*

**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

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*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People,*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collect of the Day

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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.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

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Let us pray.

Raising our voices in proclamation and praise, let us rejoice as we offer our prayers to God, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

In thanksgiving for the peacemakers who toil in troubled lands, and in families of discontent, that the Prince of Peace may give them words of wisdom as they seek to encourage new means of communication and the mending of relationships; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those who bring treasures to the poor and needy of the world, offering precious gifts of hope to God's fragile people; let us pray,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who exercise leadership throughout our Church, that they may bear in their actions the love of Christ, enlightening the hearts of those who have a hidden faith, and strengthening those of a weak spirit; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Joe Biden, our President, members of our legislative bodies, and those who serve on the Supreme Court, that they may honor our historic inheritance and take us along new pathways in the service of bettering our nation; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died in the noonday of their lives, and for parents who grieve the loss of children, that they may be comforted by the Father of us all, whose only Son was not spared an early death; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, remembering those who have been our mentors and teachers, and through whose companionship we have experienced the riches of divine grace; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

As God's adopted children, through the will of Jesus Christ, let us add to these prayers and thanksgivings.

*Petitions and thanksgivings may be offered here either silently or aloud. Silence.*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## The General Thanksgiving

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
For all your goodness and loving-kindness  
To us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
And all the blessings of this life;  
But above all for your immeasurable love  
In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may  
show forth your praise,  
Not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
By giving up our selves to your service,  
And by walking before you  
In holiness and righteousness all our days;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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.

## The Blessing

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May God, the brightness of the universe bless us.  
May Jesus, the light of the world, disturb us,  
May the Holy Spirit, energy of the cosmos, strengthen us.  
May we be blessed with the power to speak and live the Gospel, all our days. Amen.

## Announcements

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## Sending Out

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