



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

January 2, 2021

The Second Sunday after Christmas

10:30 am Communion Service

----- A Special WELCOME to all! -----

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning and hope you feel warmly welcomed.

If you forgot your face covering, masks are provided on the sign-in table. *Masks are required in the church building at all times regardless of vaccination status.*

Please make sure to leave us your name and contact information for contact tracing purposes. The lists will be kept in the church office so we can notify you to isolate for 14 days should anyone in attendance test positive for Covid-19.

The Offertory plates will not be passed. They are available at each of the sign-in stations.

Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the worship space.

Please be sure to join us following the service in Vandenberg Fellowship Hall for a time of conversation and refreshments.

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become a part of the  
**St. Jude's Church Community.**

**Hymn #** These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

## *The Gathering of the Community*

Prelude \_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary on “Once in Royal David’s City”, Innes

Opening Hymn #102 Please stand \_\_\_\_\_ Once in royal David’s city

Open Acclamation & Collect \_\_\_\_\_

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider 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.

All Amen.

Song of Praise \_\_\_\_\_



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, \_\_\_\_\_ and peace \_\_\_\_\_ to his peo - ple on earth.

Gloria: *Mass of Creation*

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Collect of the Day \_\_\_\_\_

Priest God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

All 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 Proclamation of the Word*

### 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*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 84:1-8

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- 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 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #480** *Please stand* \_\_\_\_\_ *When Jesus left his Father's throne*

**The Gospel Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *Matthew 2:1-12*

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory 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.

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

**The Sermon** *Please be seated* \_\_\_\_\_ The Rev. Tracie Little

**The Nicene Creed** *Please stand* \_\_\_\_\_

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** *Please stand or kneel* \_\_\_\_\_

*Intercessor*      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.

*People*            **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* 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.*

*People*            **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest*            Joining in thanksgiving with Mary the mother of God, with all those who heard and touched the coming of the word among us, with all angels, and with all the people of God, we comment these prayers and all this longing world to you, O God, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*                **Amen.**

## **Confession**

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*Priest*            Let us confess our sins to God.

*All*                **God of all mercy,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.**  
**We have denied your goodness in each other,**  
**in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**  
**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**  
**the evil we have done,**  
**and the evil done on our behalf.**  
**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us**  
**through our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**that we may abide in your love**  
**and serve only your will. Amen.**

## **The Absolution**

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

## **The Peace** *Please stand*

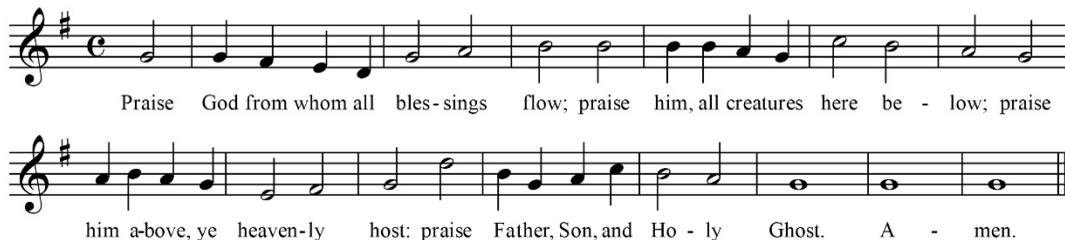
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*Presider*        The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

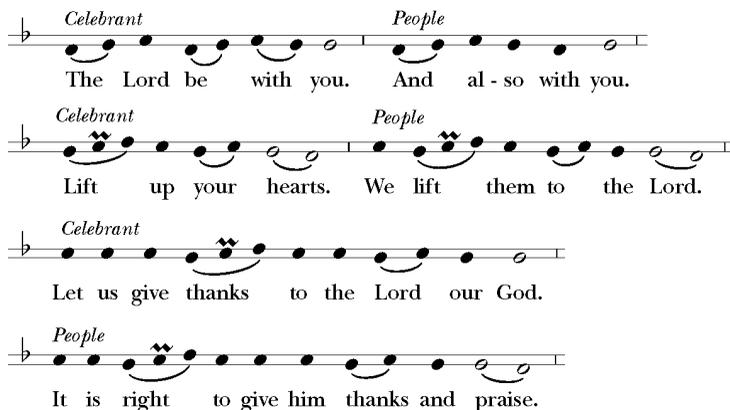
## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

### The Doxology \_\_\_\_\_



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### The Eucharistic Prayer



*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.

*Presider*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people through Jesus Christ our Lord; You renew that Mystery in bread and wine and nourish us to show forth your glory in all the world. We praise you Lord, with all the angels in their song of joy:

## Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow - er, God of might.  
Hea - ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na  
in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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### Presider

Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. On the night he was betrayed, our Lord took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this all of you, and eat it: This is my body which will be given up to you. When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.



*Presider* Al - might - ty Father, for - ev - er and ev - er. *Congregation:* A - men, A - men,  
 A - men! A - men, A - men, A - Men!

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## The Lord's Prayer

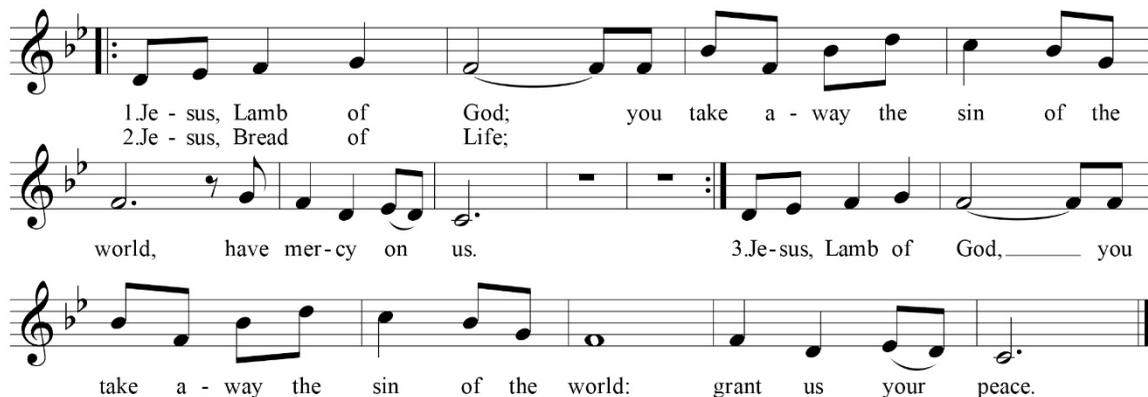
*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be Thy Name, thy King-dom come, thy  
 will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-  
 give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us, and  
 lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the  
 King-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-cv - er more, A - men.

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## The Fraction

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1. Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the  
2. Je - sus, Bread of Life;  
world, have mer - cy on us. 3. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: grant us your peace.

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## Communion *Please be seated*

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In order to maintain best practices for safety protocols, the following instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be observed:

- No one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive, please place your arms across your shoulders indicating you would like to receive a blessing. The priest will not touch you, but will extend hands towards you and offer the blessing.
- Only bread will be distributed. Our bread is gluten free. Anglican theologians have long held to the traditional teaching of the church that reception in one kind only (either bread only, or wine only) is a sufficient reception of the fullness of the sacrament; thus, wine will not be distributed.

## Communion Music

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**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand* \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider*

Let us pray.

*People*

**God of abundance,**

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**

**you have united us with Christ and one another;**

**and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,**

**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and**

**continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing** \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider*

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.

***The Sending Out***

**Milestones & Announcements** *Please be seated* \_\_\_\_\_

**Sending Out Hymn #93** *Please stand* \_\_\_\_\_ *Angels from the realms of glory*

**Sending Out** \_\_\_\_\_

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** \_\_\_\_\_ *Recessional on "Joy to the World", Hustad*

We have enjoyed being with you in this in-person service! Please watch for e-mails and Facebook posts that will alert you to any changes in this pattern for worship.

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10:30 am - Communion Service in the Church Building

Wednesdays, Morning Prayer at 8 am on Facebook