

# **The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle**



## **Second Sunday after Christmas**

January 2, 2022

**Our Mission Statement**

*Helping Hands – Healing Hearts*

*Welcome All*





*is given to the glory of God,  
with joy and remembrance for  
the remarkable life of  
**Danielle Copeland,**  
by Jane Hook*

## Opening Voluntaries

*O come, all ye faithful* by Charles Callahan

*Greensleaves* arranged by Richard Purvis

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Entrance Hymn

*The first Nowell the angel did say (The First Nowell) (H 109)*

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
3 And by the light of that same star  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

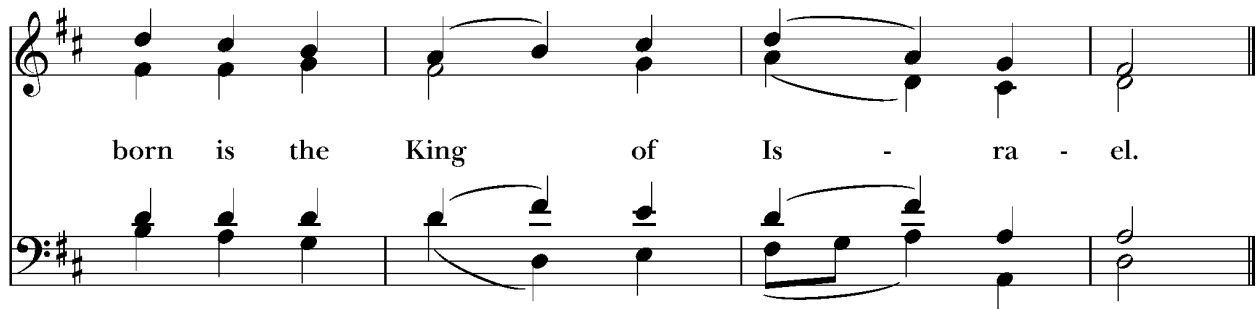
1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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*

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

## Collect for Purity

*The People standing, Celebrant says*

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

## *Gloria to God (Canticle 20) (S 278)*



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



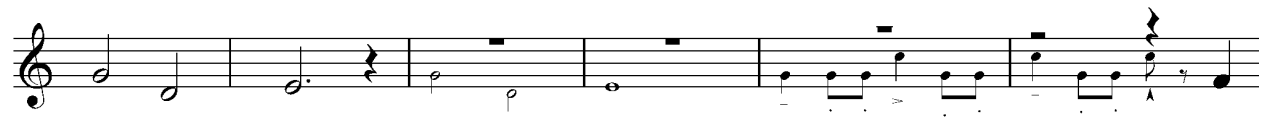
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer.

6. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God 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

*The people sit.*

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-14



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

**The Response: *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 A-nointed.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

### Sequence Hymn

*How bright appears the Morning Star (Wie schön leuchtet) (H 497)*

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:  
 whom adored, assumed our very nature;  
 Conqueror, till all know thy salvation.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy merit, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

**The Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Virginia Holleman

*Silence may be kept.*

## The Creed

*All 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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

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.

*(Silence)*

***R: 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.

*(Silence)*

***R: 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.

*(Silence)*

***R: 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.

*(Silence)*

***R: 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.

*(Silence)*

***R: 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.

*(Silence)*

***R: Lord, hear our prayer.***

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

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

*Silence may be kept.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements & Blessings**

### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please refer to the Doubter for current Birthdays.*

### **Anniversary Prayer**

Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon these your servants. Lead them further in companionship with each other and with you. Give them grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen them all their days, and finally bring them to that holy table where, with those they love, they will feast for ever in their heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Beside thy cradle here I stand* by J.S. Bach

## **The Great Thanksgiving**


## Sursum Corda

*The People remain standing.*

*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.

## Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy (Mathias) (S 128)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



*Celebrant*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

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 forever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

# Fraction Anthem

*Christ our Passover* (WLP 865)

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of music, and the second system contains the last two lines. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*Healing Prayer available at the rear of the Nave.*

# Communion Hymn

*What star is this, with beams so bright (Puer nobis) (H 124)*

*Unison or harmony*

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

## **Charge to Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant*        In the Name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People*            We who are many are one Body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*All standing.*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## **Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make your heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

*When Jesus left his Father's throne (Kingsfold) (H 480)*



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;  
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;  
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.  
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.  
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;  
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,  
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.  
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.  
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Closing Voluntary**

*In dulci jubilo* by J.S. Bach

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*The first Nowell the angel did say.*

Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc.

Healey Willan (1880-1968).

The Gloria. Music: William Mathias (1934-1992).

Psalm tone: Music: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945).

*497 How bright appears the Morning Star*

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att.

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Sanctus. Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

Fraction Anthem: Music: Thaddeus P. Cavuoti (b. 1955) from *Mass of St. Columbia*

*What star is this, with beams so bright.* Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902

*When Jesus left his Father's throne.* Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: *Kingsfold*, English folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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