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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

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WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

THE PRELUDE

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach, Dietrich Buxtehude

THE INTROIT

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Esther Williams, *soprano*; Matt Campbell, *tenor*

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,
A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830–1894). Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976) Public Domain

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING HYMN 19

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
Beneath the heav’nly strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong.
And man, at war with man, hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1846, alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

THE OPENING SENTENCES

All remain standing as the officiant begins the service with the opening sentences found on page 40 of the Book of Common Prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneeling, officiant and people together

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All standing, the officiant says

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

All remain standing and sing the canticle

CANTICLE, HYMN 40

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God Rest You Merry

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain*

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." *Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this pace,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. *Refrain*

Text: *London Carol, 18th cent.* Music: London Melody, 18th century, harmonized by W. D., 1940; Descant by David Willcocks

PSALM 126

All remain standing and read the psalm responsively by full verse.

¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion.

¹³ ***For he has made strong the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.***

¹⁴ He makes peace in your borders
and fills you with the finest of wheat.

¹⁵ ***He sends forth his commandment upon the earth,
and his word runs very swiftly.***

¹⁶ He gives snow like wool
and scatters the white frost like ashes.

¹⁷ ***He casts forth his ice like crumbs;
who is able to abide his frost?***

¹⁸ He sends out his word and melts them;
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

¹⁹ ***He declares his word unto Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.***

²⁰ He has not dealt so with other nations;
neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the LORD.

The people are seated for the reading of God's word.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:5

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul 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 like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. ^{62:1} For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing the canticle.

CANTICLE, HYMN 21

O Little Town of Bethlehem (*S. 1-3, 5*)

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of the heav'ns.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1867. Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner, 1868

The people are seated for the reading of God's word.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 1:1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing the sermon hymn.

THE SERMON HYMN 20

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum Mysterium

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing:
Powers, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

Text: Aurelius C. Prudentius, 348-413; Tr. J. M. Neale, 1854, Henry W. Baker, 1859. Music: *Divinum Mysterium*, 13th cent. Plainsong, Made V

THE SERMON

In the Darkness

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All standing, officiant and people say

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Officiant Let us pray.

All kneeling, officiant and people pray

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 SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; ***and grant us thy salvation.***

Endue thy ministers with righteousness; ***and make thy chosen people joyful.***

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; ***for only in thee can we live in safety.***

Lord, keep this nation under thy care; ***and guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

Let thy way be known upon earth; ***thy saving health among all nations.***

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; ***nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***

Create in us clean hearts, O God; ***and sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Almighty and ever-living God, in your holy Word you have taught us to offer prayers and requests, and to give thanks for all whom you have made. Grant that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For Foley, our Archbishop; for Mark, our Bishop; for our clergy; for our diocese; and for this parish, that all may hunger for truth, may thirst for righteousness and be filled with your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the President of the United States and for those in positions of public trust, that they may govern wisely, and striving for the welfare and peace of the whole world, may bring a spirit of respect and forbearance among all nations and peoples. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Mend whatever is broken by human sin; in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Grant to all who seek your guidance, knowledge of your will; and to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed, comfort from your tender care. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; give them courage; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Surround with kindness those who are bereaved. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Oh most loving Father, take from us all that hinders your access to our hearts. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may love one another as you love us. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

A COLLECT IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY (1928 Book of Common Prayer)

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL OFFERING

In dulci jubilo

R. L. Pearsall (1795-1856)

In dulci jubilo (in quiet joy) let us our homage shew;
Our heart's joy reclineth *in praesepio* (in a manger)
And like a bright star shineth, *matris in gremio* (in the mother's lap).
Alpha es et O. (Thou art Alpha and Omega)

O Jesu parvule (O tiny Jesus)! I yearn for thee always!
Hear me, I beseech thee, *O puer optima* (O best of boys)!
My prayer let it reach thee, *O Princeps gloriae* (Prince of glory)!
Trabe me post te (draw me unto thee)!

O Patris caritas (O Father's caring), *O Nati lenitas* (O Newborn's mildness),
Deep were we stained *per nostra criminal* (by our crimes);
But thou hast for us gained *coelorum gaudia* (heavenly joy). O that we were there!

Ubi sunt gaudia (where be joys), if that they be not there?
There are angels singing *nova cantina* (new songs),
There the bells are ringing *in regis curia* (at the king's court): O that we were there!

Words: Edited and adapted by Reginald Jacques (1894-1969)

Music: Old German Tune Arranged by Robert Lucas de Pearsall (1795-1856) ©1961 Oxford University Press

All stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 775

Joy to the World

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns: let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rock, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow 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.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glory of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: Arranged from George F. Händel (1685-1759) by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Priest Let us pray.

All kneel. After the closing prayers and blessing, all stand and sing the closing hymn.

THE CLOSING HYMN 42 Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain*

Words: Traditional French Carol, alt. by Earl Marlatt, 1937. Music: French Carol Melody arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937.
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THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Sortie – Marche

Marcel Rouher (1800s-1900s)



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