



## St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, Vermont

The Second Sunday after Christmas ✠ January 3, 2021

✠ During this service the People respond using words printed in bold face.

✠ In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.

✠ Before the service, the Presider may make announcements, after which stillness is kept.

✠ A voluntary follows.

### Opening Rite

*The Presider says,*

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

*We join in singing the ancient hymn Gloria in excelsis:*



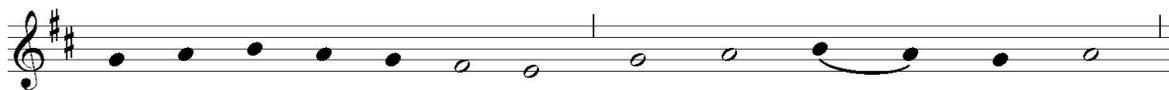
1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-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.

Setting David J. Hurd (b. 1950), from *New Plainsong*

*The Presider says the Collect of the Day, first saying,*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Word of God

*We hear a reading from the Hebrew Bible:*

A reading from 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.

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Here ends the reading.

*We sing Psalm 84. The Cantor sings the first half of each verse, and the congregation responds, alternating high and low voices as indicated. Please join in at home.*



Cantor  
 Low voices

How dear to me is your dwelling, O / LÓRD of hosts! \*  
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LÓRD;  
 my heart and my flesh re/jóice in the líving God.

Cantor  
 High voices

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may / láy her young \*  
 by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my / Kíng and mý God.

Cantor  
 Low

Happy are they who dwell in your / house! \*  
 they will / álways be práising you.

Cantor  
 High

Happy are the people who strength is / ín you! \*  
 whose hearts are / sét on the pílgims' way.

Cantor  
 Low

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / pláce of springs, \*  
 for the early rains have covered it with / póols of wáter.

Cantor  
 High

They will climb from height to / héight, \*  
 and the God of gods will reveal him/sélf in Zíon.

Cantor  
 Low

LORD God of hosts, / héar my prayer; \*  
 hearken, O / Gód of Jácob

Cantor  
 High

Behold our defender, O / Gód; \*  
 and look upon the face of / yóur Anóinted.

Cantor  
 Low

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my / ówn room, \*  
 and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the / ténts of the wícked.

Cantor  
 High

For the LORD God is both / sún and shield; \*  
 he will give / gráce and glóry;

Cantor  
 Low

No good thing will the / LÓRD withhold \*  
 from those who / wálk with intégrity.

Cantor  
 High

O LORD of / hósts, \*  
 happy are they who / pút their trúst in you!

Setting Plainsong tone 5.1

*We hear a reading from the Gospels.*

A reading from Matthew.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

Here ends the reading.

Sermon            *The Preacher breaks the bread of God's word.*

*After a brief time of stillness, we affirm our faith. Please join in at home.*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*In the time of stillness after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, silently, aloud, or using Zoom's chat feature.*

*The Deacon says,*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Gracious God, as a star rose and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem to greet the Christ-child; draw us and all your people to you; that we might be the Church and the people you call us to be. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your presence; fill us with your Spirit and renew our lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' light, and kings to the brightness of his rising; draw this nation, our President, and all in authority to Jesus' brightness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As angels sang 'Glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth and goodwill among all peoples; bring us your peace, and bring an end to terror and strife. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As shepherds were drawn from their flocks by night; draw those who do not yet know you to the knowledge and love of you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus was born in a stable because there was no room in the inn; be especially present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the Holy Family gathered in Bethlehem, and traveled to a far off land; bless all families and protect those who travel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As your Son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of eternal life; give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine on them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us prayer for our own needs and those of others. *Stillness*

*The people may add prayers at home silently or in Zoom's chat feature.*

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect*

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Stillness is kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Presider 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.

*We join in saying the Lord's Prayer:*

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.

