

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

We pray together with those who are unable to receive communion.

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though not everyone can consume these gifts of bread and wine with us today, we thank you that we have received Christ’s presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ’s passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

**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 & Dismissal**

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

**Postlude:** *Variations on “The First Nowell”*

*If you would like to receive reserved sacrament, please contact the church office or Rev. Robin.*

Lay Reader: 10:00 Martha Burton

Audio/Visual: Lee Adams, Bill Miller

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, visit our website where you will also find links to our YouTube channels. You may also email us and we will be in touch. We are glad you are here.

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## **CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.  
During the service, please feel free to stand or kneel as you are able.*

### **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**January 3, 2021**

**10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – live streamed**

#### **The Word of God**

**Prelude:** *Chorale Prelude on the Magnificat*

J. S. Bach

#### **Opening Acclamation**

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

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

**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.**

**Hymn 109** *The first Nowell*

The First Nowell

*The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Refrain:*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*

*born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.*

*Refrain*

*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*

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

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.**

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

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

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

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

*Reader* *The Word of the Lord*

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel:

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Luke 2:41-52**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Sermon

The Rev. Robin Teasley

### Hymn 93 *Angels, from the realms of glory*

Regent Square

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
come and worship, come and worship worship Christ, the new-born King.*

*Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with you is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:  
come and worship, come and worship worship Christ, the new-born King.*

*Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:  
come and worship, come and worship worship Christ, the new-born King.*

### The Nicene Creed

**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

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*Intercessor* Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus: Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ child: draw your Church, and all people to you.

*All* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your presence: fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives.

*All* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As Gentiles streamed to the light of Christ and kings to the brightness of his rising: draw all nations, and all in authority, to your brightness.

*All* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As angels sang proclaiming peace on earth and goodwill among all peoples: bring us your peace, and bring an end to terror and strife.

*All* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room in the inn: be especially present with those who have nowhere to lay their heads, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry.

*All* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands: bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel.

*All* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As your Son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of life eternal: give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon them. The arrangement at the altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of Phyllis Little by her family.

*All* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Presider* O Lord our God, may the light and hope of this night, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(pause)*

**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.**

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 Peace

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

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

### Greeting and Announcements

#### Offertory Sentence

*Please remember while we are closed for in person services, you may mail your offering to the church office, or give online through your bank or our website.*

### The Holy Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.