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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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Saint Benedict Episcopal Church The Second Sunday after Christmas January 2, 2022 | 8:00am and 10:00am

Welcome to Saint Benedict Episcopal Church, a church that feels like family! We are glad to have you worship with us today. If you are a newcomer, please complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so we can extend our welcome beyond this service. Additional information about Saint Benedict's and our ministries may be found online at www.saintbenedicts.org. Rite I (Sunday 8:00am) of The Holy Eucharist begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP); responses for this service are in **red**. Rite II (Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am), on page 355 (BCP). Congregational responses for all services are found in **bold**. The music for the service is taken from the blue Hymnal 1982 (H-1982) and the red, green, and black hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). We are a singing church; **we ask that you please stand at the introduction of hymns**. Prepare your hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, Emmanuel, God with us.

THE GATHERING

Organ Voluntary

Partita on Adeste Fideles by Charles Callahan

Hymn

Puer Nobis Nascitur

1. Unto us is born a Son,
King of quires supernal;
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal,
Of lords the Lord eternal.

2. Christ, from heaven descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know,
Becradled in the manger,
Becradled in the manger.

3. This did Herod sore affray
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer,
And slew the little childer.

4. Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story;
O that Mary's gentle child
Might lead us up to glory,
Might lead us up to glory!

5. O and A, and A and O,
Cum cantibus in choro,
Let the merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino,
Benedicamus Domino.

The Opening Acclamation

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Unto us a child is born.
Come, let us adore Him.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant prays: 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.**

*(8:00am Rite I) The Decalogue and Kyrie Eleison

The Celebrant continues: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Sung by all:* **Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

by William Matthias



Glo - ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. 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. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 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.

At the Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

***(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

The celebrant prays: 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

A Reading from Jeremiah the Prophet

Jeremiah 31:7-14

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.

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

Quam dilecta *read responsively by verse*

Psalms 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 Anointed.**

A Reading from a letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

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

Hymn

Walk in the Light

1. Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing. Je - sus, the light of the world.
2. Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise. Je - sus, the light of the world.
3. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored. Je - sus, the light of the world.
4. Hail, the heav'n - born prince of peace. Je - sus, the light of the world.

Glo - ry to the new - born King, Je - sus, the light of the world.
Join the tri - umph of the skies. Je - sus, the light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord, Je - sus, the light of the world.
Hail, the sun of right - eous - ness! Je - sus, the light of the world.

Refrain
We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.
Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright. Oh,
shine all a - round us by day and by night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

At the Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (2:13-15, 19-23)

+ Glory to You, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Albert Cutie, Rector

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.**

(PAUSE - SILENCE)

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

Eternal God, at Christmas your Son our Savior was born in human form. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for Christians throughout the world who are celebrating Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On that holy night, there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On that holy night, Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all those who are in pain or distress. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On that holy night, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption by word and example. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On that holy night, the angels sang "Peace to God's people on earth." Strengthen those who work for peace and justice, here and in all the world. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

On that holy night, strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant prays: O God, you have given us a new revelation of your love in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please greet your neighbor according to social distancing guidelines

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

***(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

Welcome and Announcements

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Saint Benedict's work of sharing God's love with the world. Please be generous – we count on your support year-round. Text "give7801" to 1-888-364-4483. You may also make a secure donation online at our website www.Saintbenedicts.org or via the Saint Benedict's app.

THE LORD'S TABLE

Offertory Hymn

Regent Square



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions beam a - far:
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,

ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with you is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

Refrain
come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Presentation Hymn

Puer Nobis Nascitur

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The service continues with Rite I on p. 333, Rite II on p. 361 (BCP)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

***(8:00am Rite I):**

The Lord be with you.

And with Thy Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface and Sanctus:

***(8:00am Rite I): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. +Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing or kneel as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, to which the congregation responds: **Christ Has Died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again, and sings: Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our

sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the

world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Song: Agnus Dei (Worthy is the Lamb)

by Michael Smith

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For our Lord God Almighty reigns**

**Holy, Holy, are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb
You are Holy, Holy, are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb.
Amen.**

Organ Meditation

Le Nativite by Olivier Messiaen

The Post Communion Prayer

The Celebrant say: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH

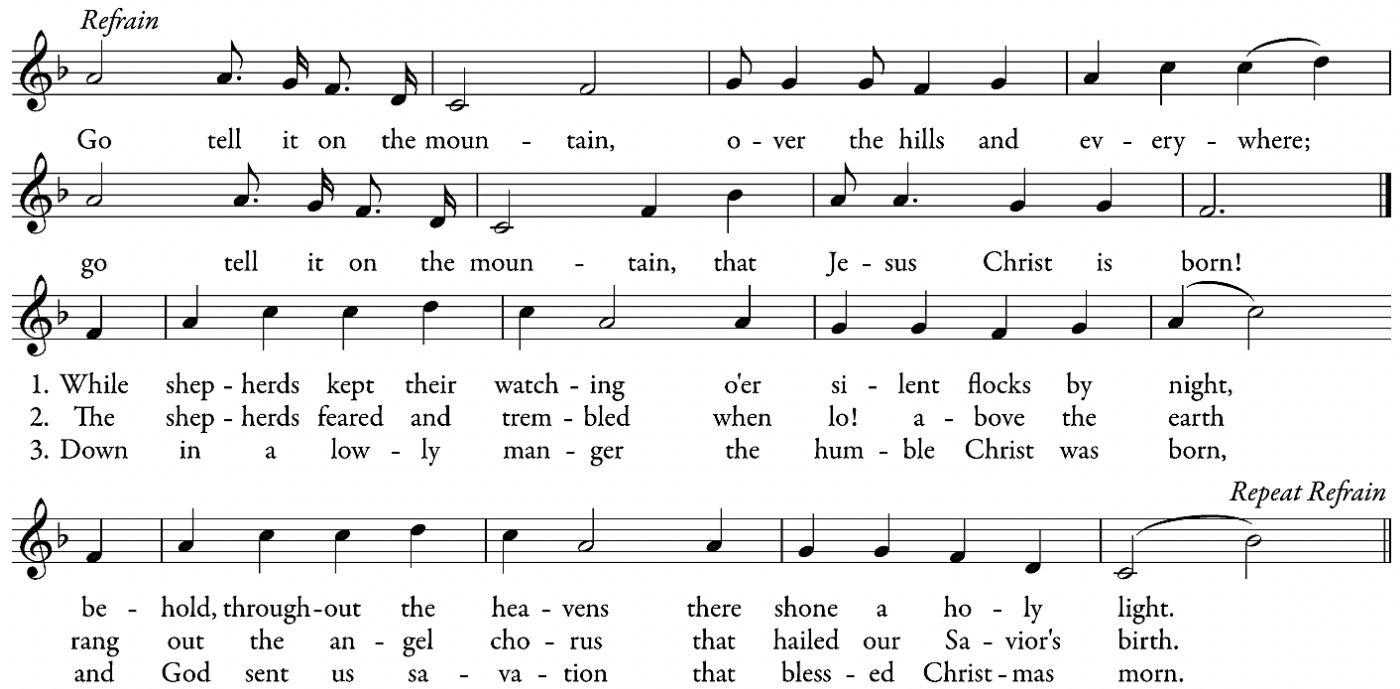
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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 goodness and love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father +, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;
go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

Repeat Refrain

be - hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
and God sent us sa - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

The Dismissal

Go in peace proclaiming the Word made flesh. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation on Go Tell It!



The parish family of St. Benedict's wishes you and yours a very Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year! Please pray about making an end-of-the-year Christmas donation and gift to this church. We recently completed paying the mortgage on this new church building, but we are still in need of large donations for ongoing maintenance and operational expenses. While we are frugal, and very careful in our spending, our day-to-day operational costs are many. Please pray and consider making a substantial offering to help us continue doing God's work. We make this appeal in the name of Jesus, because we know that God's work is done by generous and caring persons like you. Please do not forget St. Benedict's in your Last Will and Testament. God bless you for your generosity.



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SATURDAY: 6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (“Dog-friendly” Service)

SUNDAYS: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 (Spanish) AM HOLY EUCHARIST

TUESDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY: HEALING PRAYERS 7:00 PM

THURSDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM

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