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The Second Sunday after Christmas

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 3, 2021

10:30 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Variations on a Basque Noël (2017)

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

THE OPENING HYMN 98, vv. 1, 2, 4 Unto us a boy is born!

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

All read or sing along.

1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -
 2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and
 3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in
 4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to
 *5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the
 2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that
 3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at
 4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -
 5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.
 2 he all men sur - pass - - - es.
 3 Beth - le - hem in his fu - - - ry.
 4 to the joys a - bove - - - us.
 5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.

Words: Latin carol, 15th cent., tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt.

Music: Puer nobis nascitur, melody from Piae Cantiones, 1582; harm. Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



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.

Title: *Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord 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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 84:1–8

The people say the responses in bold.

- 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13–15,19–23

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

All **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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people say the words in **bold**.*

In this new year, let us bless God for the gift of salvation and offer prayers for the church and for the world, saying: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

For the Church, especially Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, that through us God's light may shine forth on all who live in darkness, confusion, and fear. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For this parish family, that we may welcome all those whom God leads to us, and be blessed through the diverse gifts and talents that they bring. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all those in high-risk jobs, for the unemployed and the underemployed, that the Prince of Peace may lead the children of the one God to seek justice for all workers. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all who are traveling and away from home, including those in the military, that like the shepherds and the Magi, God will guide their footsteps and keep them safe. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all who suffer from the coronavirus and those who care for them, and for those who live in the shadows of fear, violence, and poverty, that in Christ, they may find healing, hope, and peace. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For those who have died in this past year, especially victims of the pandemic, that they may rejoice in God's everlasting light. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, with Joseph, and with all the saints and angels, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant O God of everlasting glory, accept the prayers we offer you in this joyful season, and grant that as we celebrate this mystery of your love, we may also delight in the joy that will be ours as children and heirs of your kingdom. Glory to you for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM The three kings

Healy Willan (1880–1968)

Text: Laurence Housman (1865–1959)

The St. John's Adult Choir, recorded January 5, 2020

“Who knocks tonight so late?”
the weary porter said.
Three kings stood at the gate,
each with a crown on his head.

The serving man bowed down,
the Inn was full, he knew.
Said he, “In all this town
is no fit place for you.”

A light in the manger lit;
there lay the Mother meek.
This place is fit.
Here is the rest we seek.

Come, come. They loosed their latchet strings,
so stood they all unshod
“Come in, come in, ye kings,
and kiss the feet of God.”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.***The Celebrant continues.*

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man in the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

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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.

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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

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.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Gracious and Risen Lord, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament and we love you above all things. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we desire to receive you into our souls. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

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 this gathering of the community he formed. 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.**

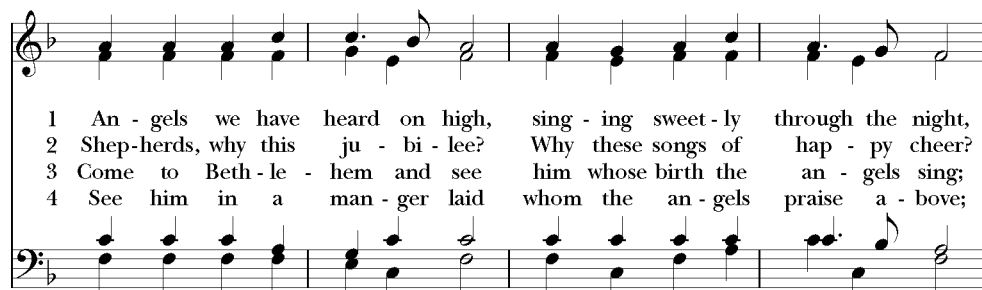
THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

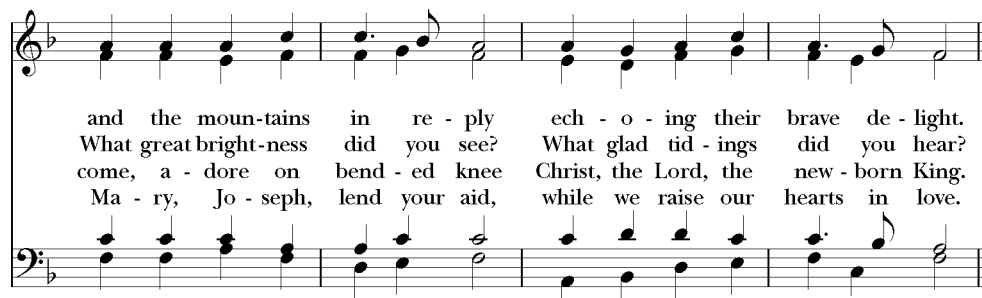
THE CLOSING HYMN 96 Angels we have heard on high

GLORIA

All read or sing along.



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



Refrain
 Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.
 Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

THE DISMISSAL

The minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Variations on *Puer nobis nascitur* (2020)

Christa Rakich (b. 1950)

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY
Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker
Cantors: Sofia Jones and John Nowacki
The St. John's Adult Choir
Organist: Scott Lamlein
Assisting Organist: Christa Rakich
Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto
Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Priscilla
Kim Green	Sue	Beth	Patricia
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris	Enid
Brad Babbitt	Jonah Dahlstrom	Ellie Brown	Ann
Robert E. Eikel	Whitney Lynch	Samira Rihani	Dan
Robin	William Bittinger	Peter Kieffer	Alexa
Mary	Zachary	Juan	Susan Donaldson
Seamus Turco	Kimberley	Judy Gardiner	Hope & Bill Eakins
Robin Gillespie	Don	Tom Shippee	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Abigail Thaxton	Albert Lennox
Olivia Thaxton	Julian Hartt
Caroline Thaxton	Spencer Sloan, Jr.

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Jenefer & Julian Hartt

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; St. Peter's, Cheshire; and for all immigrants, refugees and the ministries that serve them, especially IRIS - Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, New Haven and the Let My People Go Ministry Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Go to our web site at <http://www.sjparish.net/> for details and links.

Sunday School (elementary through middle school), 9:30 a.m. Sundays on Zoom

Sunday livestream service, 10:30 a.m. on YouTube, Facebook and the web site

Online Noonday Prayer, Monday through Friday at 12 p.m. on Zoom

Online Family Happy Hour, Tuesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom

Online Bible study, Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom – New series on Women of the Bible begins on January 18

Pipes Alive! organ recital online, TODAY at 12:30 p.m.

Join us online today at 12:30 p.m. for the first Pipes Alive! organ recital of 2021, featuring Kari Miller. The recital will be livestreamed at <https://www.reddoormusic.org/event/pipes-alive-kari-miller-organist-2/>

Table Talk scripture discussion guides for January now available

New in 2021, we are providing monthly "Table Talk" discussion guides on the Sunday lectionary scriptures. Each booklet includes a page for each Sunday's gospel, including the reading and several questions to inspire reflection and conversation. Use them with your household over a meal, or connect with friends or family over the phone, during an outdoor walk, or via Zoom or FaceTime. We will provide a PDF of each month's Table Talk guide in the Thursday e-newsletter, or you may contact the parish office to request that a copy be mailed to you.

Virtual organ concerts from Congregation Beth Israel, second Fridays starting on January 8

Congregation Beth Israel has announced the kick-off of *Organ Sounds*, a series of virtual monthly organ concerts featuring guest soloists playing their 1934 Austin organ. Concerts will be held virtually on the second Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m., starting on January 8. For more information and to watch the virtual concerts, go to their web site at <https://cbict.org>.

Women Together book discussion group resumes January 12

Women Together will start a new five-week series on January 12th, discussing *The Lord is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom of the 23rd Psalm* by Harold Kushner. Newcomers are always welcome to join in! Currently, women from St. John's, St. Monica's and Trinity participate in the group. We meet via Zoom on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. The book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. For more information, and to receive a link to the meeting, please contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com.

St. John's Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 31, 2021

The parish Annual Meeting will be held Sunday morning, January 31. This year's meeting, where we will elect vestry members, present the 2021 budget, and learn more about the process of hiring a new priest-in-charge, will be held virtually. More details to come.

*Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of
St. John's Renowned Austin Organ*

Pipes Alive!

Sunday, January 3, 2021 12:30 pm
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KARI MILLER
Organist



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. (livestream video only).

Noonday Prayer online via Zoom at 12 p.m. every weekday.

STAFF

The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net)	<i>Assistant Rector</i>
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Christa Rakich.....	<i>Organ Artist-in-Residence</i>
Ralph Valentine	<i>Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus</i>

VESTRY

Geoff Emerick	<i>Warden</i>
Virginia Van Dyk	<i>Warden</i>
Tim Goetz and John Roche	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

2018–20: Steve Crocker, Ann Hutchinson, Alex Nelson

2019–21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr

2020–22: June Aziz, Jyothsna Diaz, Anne Harney