



Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, January 3, 2021

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Voluntary Noël: Joseph Is a Good Husband Claude-Bénigne Balbastre

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant continues

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.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Sung by all



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



The Collect of the Day

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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 Lessons *All are seated*

The First Reading

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.**

Psalm 84:1-8

Read in unison

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.

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.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

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.

They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

The Second Reading

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.**

All stand

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

For the church of Christ and its leaders, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Samuel and Anne, our Bishops; the St Mary's clergy and staff, for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders in the church; for our companion dioceses of Bostwana and Costa Rica; for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria, and for Church of the Ascension, Fork, Christ Church, Albemarle, and All Soul's Ansonville, that all may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation and care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For St Mary's Church and its Search Committee, that the Holy Spirit will guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, so that St Mary's may receive a faithful, wise and compassionate pastor, to care for its people and equip them for their ministries, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of violence and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those in need of our prayers: the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, those in prison, and all those for whom this season is one not of joy but of trial and sadness, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are ill or suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially those with Covid-19 and for Jerry Duncan, Jesse Wilson, Betty Handy, Helen Congdon, Linda Nitz, Haley & Michael Walsh, Elizabeth Adkins Flowers, Bill Fenn, Becca Page Forrest, Mary Gordon, Margaret Lewis, Khaleesi Grant, Christi White, Tom Capraro, Rick Manning, Mary Darby, Dan Haworth, Ann Miressi, Tom & Wendy Needham, Sarah Owen, Barbara Bingham, Jane Freeze, James Pardue, Judge Rogers, Edna Landon, Gloria Morris that their illnesses may be turned into health and the sorrow into rejoicing, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who work on behalf of others: healthcare and medical personnel, first responders, those in law enforcement, the military, and firefighters, those who provide essential services, last responders, and all those who are away from those they love, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

At this time, we observe a moment of silence as your own prayers are invited, either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

In thanksgiving we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith, especially Al Fritzsche and all those who have died from Covid-19, that we, like them, may remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light of your eternal glory, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be 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.

Standing, the Priest 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.**

The Peace

All stand

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

All are seated and the altar is prepared.

The Offertory Hymn 115

Sung by all

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

All stand

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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.**

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 of 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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sung by all

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The second staff continues with a half note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The third staff has a half note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The fourth staff has a half note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The fifth staff has a half note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The sixth staff has a half note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The seventh staff has a half note D, a quarter note E, and a quarter note F. The eighth staff has a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The ninth staff has a half note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The tenth staff has a half note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The eleventh staff has a half note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The twelfth staff has a half note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The thirteenth staff has a half note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The fourteenth staff has a half note D, a quarter note E, and a quarter note F. The fifteenth staff has a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The sixteenth staff has a half note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The seventeenth staff has a half note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The eighteenth staff has a half note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The nineteenth staff has a half note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The twentieth staff has a half note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The twenty-first staff has a half note D, a quarter note E, and a quarter note F. The twenty-second staff has a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The twenty-third staff has a half note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The twenty-fourth staff has a half note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The twenty-fifth staff has a half note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The twenty-sixth staff has a half note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The twenty-seventh staff has a half note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The twenty-eighth staff has a half note D, a quarter note E, and a quarter note F. The twenty-ninth staff has a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The thirtieth staff has a half note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The thirty-first staff has a half note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The thirty-second staff has a half note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The thirty-third staff has a half note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The thirty-fourth staff has a half note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. 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The fifty-ninth staff has a half note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The sixtieth staff has a half note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The sixty-first staff has a half note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The sixty-second staff has a half note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The sixty-third staff has a half note D, a quarter note E, and a quarter note F. The sixty-fourth staff has a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The sixty-fifth staff has a half note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The sixty-sixth staff has a half note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The sixty-seventh staff has a half note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The sixty-eighth staff has a half note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The sixty-ninth staff has a half note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The seventieth staff has a half note D, a quarter note E, and a quarter note F. The seventy-first staff has a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The seventy-second staff has a half note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The seventy-third staff has a half note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The seventy-fourth staff has a half note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The seventy-fifth staff has a half note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. The seventy-sixth staff has a half note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The seventy-seventh staff has a half note D, a quarter note E, and a quarter note F. The seventy-eighth staff has a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The seventy-ninth staff has a half note C, a quarter note D, and a quarter note E. The eightieth staff has a half note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The eighty-first staff has a half note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The eighty-second staff has a half note E, a quarter note F, and a quarter note G. 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The Celebrant continues

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 the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary and 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,

All

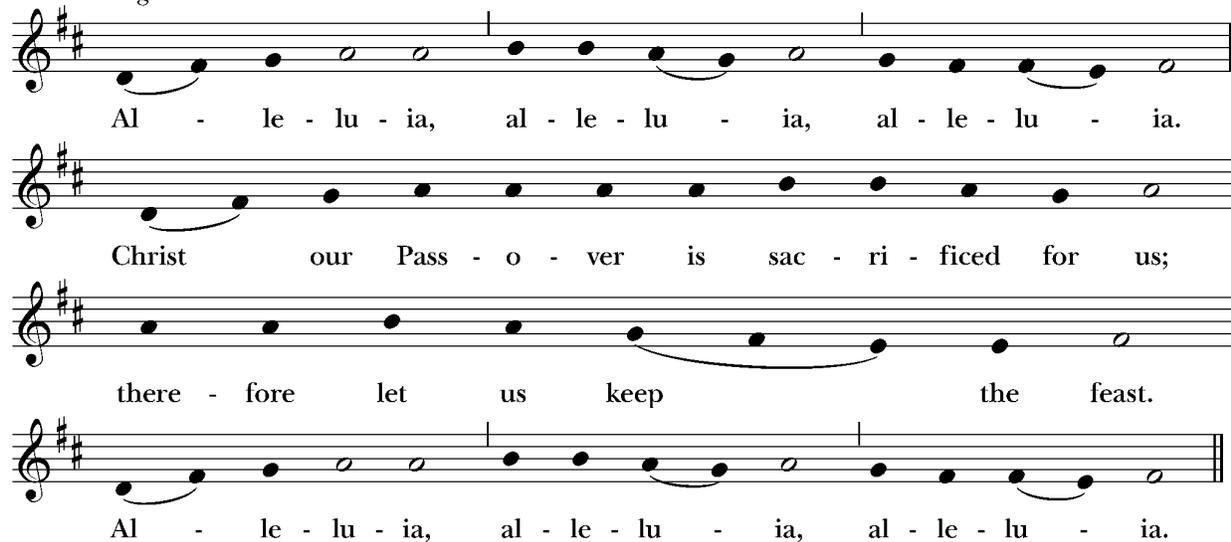
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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Alleluia. Pascha nostrum

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

An Act of Spiritual Communion (for those watching from home)

Lord Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to at least come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my being. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

Music at the Communion

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says

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Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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 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.

Hymn 87

Sung by all

1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De-i-ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel-ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!

The Celebrant blesses the people

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Then the Deacon dismisses them with these words

People Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude d'Aquin

Participants in the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Darby Oliver Everhard

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