

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California
Second Sunday after Christmas; Year C
January 2, 2022, 10:00am

Welcome to St. Mark's!

This Christmastide, we invite you to share in our joy at the dawn of salvation, the invitation to a new start for the whole world in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Wherever you may find yourself this Christmas, whether at peace or in need of peace, healthy or in need of healing, clear of conscience or in need of forgiveness, know that this holiday is for you; this Child, and the light which shines from his face, is for you. As we receive him afresh, let our joy be a sign to the world that the Light still “shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”
- (John 1:5)



Today's service music

New Plainsong Setting
David Hurd (b. 1950)

Music in preparation for worship

A chime rings and all stand to sing.

Voices Found (blue/green book) **Hymn 38** Once in royal David's city *Irby*

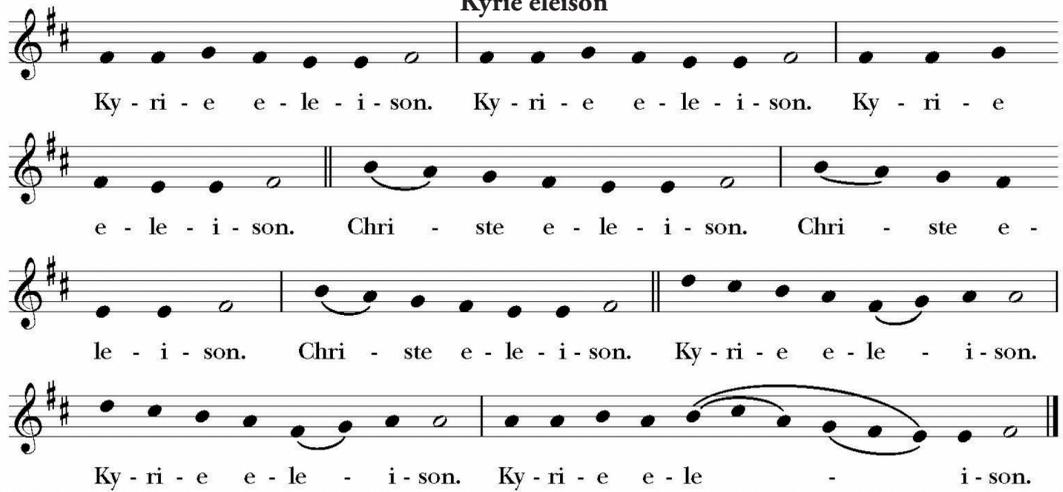
Opening Acclamation

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

Collect for Purity

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.*

Kyrie eleison



Musical notation for the Kyrie eleison. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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Gloria in Excelsis



Musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 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.

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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.

¶ All sit for the Lessons.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 84, Quam dilecta!*

Tone V.1



- 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 re/joyce 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 him/self 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 A/nointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in / my own room,*
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the / tents of the / wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both / sun and shield;*
he will give / grace and / glory.
- 11 No good thing will the / LORD withhold*
from those who / walk with in/tegrity.
- 12 O / LORD of hosts,*
happy are they who / put their / trust in you!

Epistle *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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

¶ *All stand to sing.*

Sequence Hymn 252 Jesus! Name of wondrous love! *Louez Dieu*

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

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

People: *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.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily *The Rev. Kenneth Schmidt*

¶ *A brief silence follows the Homily.*

Credo

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

- Leader: Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.
- Leader: Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship and to serve you. Lord, in your mercy,
- People: *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader: Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth. Lord, in your mercy,
- People: *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader: Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,
- People: *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader: Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families, renew our communities and keep our departed loved ones; especially _____ and those whose year's mind falls this week, _____.
Lord, in your mercy,
- People: *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader: Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
- People: *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
[The People are invited to offer their own petitions]
- Leader: Lord, in your mercy:
- People: *Hear our prayer.*
- Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit, hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives.
- All: *Amen.*

The Peace

- Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People: *And also with you.*

¶ *All exchange a sign of Peace.*

¶ *Various announcements may be made.*

The Offertory

¶ *Bread and Wine are offered at the Altar, and the table is set for the Eucharist. A collection is taken for the work of the church and then blessed. Singing by the Choir and the Congregation completes the Offertory: here in this set of actions, the whole assembly brings together our food, our material resources, our spirits, our bodies, our cares, our relationships, and our intentions, in order to present ourselves and our world as completely as possible to God. All of them will be blessed in the Eucharistic action to come, and creation itself will be renewed.*

Offertory Music

¶ *All stand to sing.*

Wonder, Love, and Praise (green book) Hymn 726

What is this stupendous stranger *Mariposa*

The Sursum Corda

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.*

Here begins the Great Thanksgiving.
*Eucharistic Prayer B,
Book of Common
Prayer p. 367*

¶ *The Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer with a preface recalling the season. Then, all join their voices with those of the whole host of heaven as they sing perpetually before the throne of God:*

...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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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¶ *All remain standing, or kneel if desired.*

¶Here in the presence of God, the whole host of heaven, the Communion of Saints, and the gathered community of St. Mark's Church, the Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer: recalling Christ's words of institution at the Last Supper the night before he died, and his passion, death, and resurrection; offering the bread and wine to become for us the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood; praying for the Holy Spirit to descend upon the gifts we offer and we ourselves, to make us holy and consecrate our lives -- and life itself-- to the good purposes of God.

¶After the words of institution, the Celebrant invites the people to affirm the Paschal Mystery.

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.

¶The Celebrant continues.

¶Finally, the Celebrant offers the concluding doxology and the People join in the Great Amen:

Celebrant: [. . .] 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.

All: AMEN.

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

¶All sing the Lord's Prayer (next page)

Our Father

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav'n, hal-low'd be thy name. Thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion; but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Music: Rimsky Korsakov (1844-1908)

☞ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

☞ *A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

☞ *All sing the Agnus Dei (next page)*

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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¶ *The Celebrant invites the people to make their communions, saying:*

Celebrant: Behold, the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.

People: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. But
speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.*

¶ *The Celebrant communicates the Altar party, then the Congregation and the Choir.*

¶ *All are welcome to come forward. To receive the Host, hold out one open palm in the other. (Gluten-free Hosts are always available; just alert the priest, who will extend the pyx for you to take one.) If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. For the purposes of Covid safety, communion will be administered in one kind only, standing, at the head of the center aisle. Receive your Host and then move to one of the communion stations at the head of either side aisle before removing your mask and consuming your Host.*

Communion Music

Communion Hymn 247 *Lully, lullaby, thou little tiny child Coventry Carol*

¶ *All stand to pray.*

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ *The Celebrant offers a seasonal Blessing.*

Celebrant: May he who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, Grant you the fullness of inward peace and good will. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

All: *Amen.*

¶ *The Liturgy concludes with the Dismissal.*

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

Final Hymn 92 On this day earth shall ring *Personet Hodie*

Postlude

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Christmas

George Herbert (1593-1633)

All after pleasures as I rid one day,
 My horse and I, both tir'd, body and mind,
 With full cry of affections, quite astray,
I took up in the next inn I could find.
There when I came, whom found I but my dear,
 My dearest Lord, expecting till the grief
 Of pleasures brought me to him, ready there
To be all passengers' most sweet relief?
O Thou, whose glorious, yet contracted light,
 Wrapt in night's mantle, stole into a manger;
 Since my dark soul and brutish is thy right,
To Man of all beasts be not thou a stranger:
 Furnish and deck my soul, that thou mayest have
 A better lodging, than a rack, or grave.

The shepherds sing; and shall I silent be?
 My God, no hymn for thee?
My soul's a shepherd too; a flock it feeds
 Of thoughts, and words, and deeds,
The pasture is thy word: the streams, thy grace
 Enriching all the place.
Shepherd and flock shall sing, and all my powers
 Out-sing the day-light hours.
Then we will chide the sun for letting night
 Take up his place and right:
We sing one common Lord; wherefore he should
 Himself the candle hold.
I will go searching, till I find a sun
 Shall stay, till we have done;
A willing shiner, that shall shine as gladly
 As frost-nipt suns look sadly.
Then we will sing, and shine all our own day,
 And one another pay:
His beams shall cheer my breast, and both so twine,
Till ev'n his beams sing, and my music shine.

Christmas

John Betjeman (1906-1984)

The bells of waiting Advent ring,
The Tortoise stove is lit again
And lamp-oil light across the night
Has caught the streaks of winter rain
In many a stained-glass window sheen
From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

The holly in the windy hedge
And round the Manor House the yew
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,
The altar, font and arch and pew,
So that the villagers can say
'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

Provincial Public Houses blaze,
Corporation tramcars clang,
On lighted tenements I gaze,
Where paper decorations hang,
And bunting in the red Town Hall
Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.

And London shops on Christmas Eve
Are strung with silver bells and flowers
As hurrying clerks the City leave
To pigeon-haunted classic towers,
And marbled clouds go scudding by
The many-steepled London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad,
And oafish louts remember Mum,
And sleepless children's hearts are glad.
And Christmas-morning bells say 'Come!'
Even to shining ones who dwell
Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissued fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare -
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.



Martin Travers (1886-1948)



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