



1st Sunday of Christmas
December 27, 2020

GREETING

(Stand) **OPENING Hymn: "367 Angels from the Realms of Glory**



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, the Father ✚ Son and Holy Spirit, one God, the maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy

Silence for reflection and self-examination. God of peace

C: we confess that we are not at peace-with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of ✝ Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Amen

P: Christ is born!

C: Alleluia, alleluia

368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' - n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Refrain
Glo - ri - a



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



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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: **Amen.**

WORD

To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that the Lord's salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.

(Sit) FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. **11** For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. **62:1** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. **2** The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. **3** You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as sons and daughters.

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

4 When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. **6** And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son

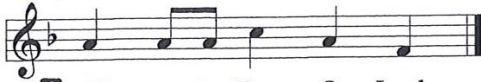
into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" **7** So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand) HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke 2nd chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), **24** and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." **25** Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. **26** It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. **27** Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, **28** Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, **29** "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; **30** for my eyes have seen your salvation, **31** which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." **33** And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. **34** Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed **35** so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." **36** There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, **37** then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. **38** At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. **39** When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON – “Legal, Eternal Children of the Most-High God”

389 Let All Together Praise Our God

sts. 1–3, 6



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
6 He is the key and He the door To bless - ed



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
par - a - dise; The an - gel bars the way no more. To



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
God our prais - es rise, To God our prais - es rise.

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(Stand) **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.

(Sit) **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Rejoicing with all the faithful, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Let us pray for missionaries and pastors; for lay-ministers and teachers; for seminarians and those discerning their call to ministry; and for all who proclaim the gospel in word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: For the earth and all its creatures; for those seeking refuge from damaging storms; for those who work outdoors in weather that is hard to bear, in winter cold or summer heat; and for all whose labor provides us with food, shelter and transportation. Lord, in your mercy

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: For all nations and their leaders; for those who bring harmony within division; for those who challenge injustice and prejudice; and for those who are sent far from home to serve and protect others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer**

A: For parents of missing children; for youth who have no safe place to call home; for travelers; for those who are anxious; for those who grieve and all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer**

A: For this assembly; for musicians and poets; for elders and youth; for those who ask questions and those who mentor others to deeper faith and compassionate service,. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: With thanksgiving, we remember all who have died, and whose lives helped us to see your love and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Pondering the mystery of your love, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, the Word made flesh

C: Amen.

OFFERING

(Stand) **OFFERING PRAYER**

MEAL

In the blessed sacrament of the altar, we celebrate our Lord's communion with us. He said, "I will never leave you or for-sake you." This is how He keeps that promise. Because His promise is to the entire Church, we proclaim that this altar is not our private property. It's His. We invite all baptized persons who believe in His real presence in the bread and wine, to come, receive and believe!

(Stand) **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, as humanity was able to behold God with its own eyes, we may now be drawn to love God even though we, as yet, do not see him. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might:
 heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away our sins. Happy are we who are called to this Eucharist.

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

All

O Lamb of God from Beth - le - hem, where Ma - ry gave you birth,
 grant us your mer - cy, gra - cious Lord, Re deem - er of the earth.
 O Lamb of God, for - give us, for we still live in sin.
 O, come to us, a - bide with us, and grant us peace with - in.

WORDS: Unknown origin, revised by Daniel Benedict and Dean McIntyre.
 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

(Sit) **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN: "358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *sts. 1, 3, 7, 13, 15*

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your
 7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes, And see what
 13 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly Child, Pre - pare a
 15 Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, Who un - to
 news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self great
 in the man - ger lies. Who is this child, so
 bed, soft, un - de - filed, A qui - et cham - ber
 us His Son has giv'n! While an - gels sing with



joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
 Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.
 young and fair? It is the Christ Child ly - ing there.
 set a - part For You to dwell with - in my heart.
 pi - ous mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

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(Stand) **COMMON BLESSING**

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true faith unto † life everlasting.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true faith unto † life everlasting.

C: Amen.

(Sit) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SENDING

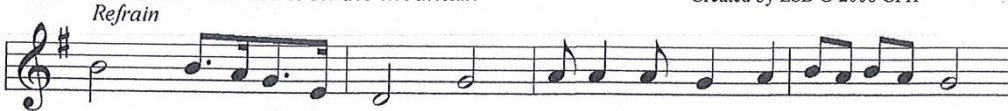
(Stand) **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and † give you peace.

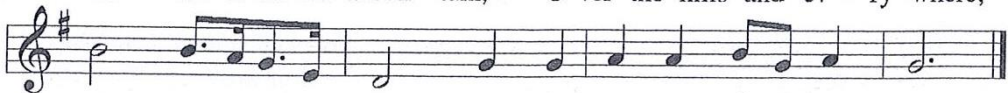
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

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Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - 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 lone-ly man-ger The hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain
 Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 Rang out the an-gel cho-rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INTERCESSIONS, Carol Matt, Sara Himes, Jeanette Strelau, Donaldo Tauler, Al Carter (Debby Piccoli's step father), Makenna Jacobs, Bill Butchart, Michael Mode, Helen Warke, Larry Matt, David Groenier (brother of Mary Krock), Eleanor Mode, Kari Roberts, Paul Samson, Jonathan Zawislak, Piper Houzenga (Tom & Mary's granddaughter), We pray for our nation and its leaders. +++ For those serving in the military. +++ AJ Schrautemyer, Joseph Puzzo, Cameron & Jacob Dyer, Christine Strange, Jared Koch, Vincent Stewart, Jacob Green and Neal Rogers We pray for our missionary Danelle Putnam, serving in the Dominican Republic;

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS Lector: Jerry Jacobson; Assist Min: Tom Muchowicz; Acolyte: NA; Ushers: NA; Greeter: NA

ATTENDANCE/COMMUNION CARDS Members/Visitors: Please fill out one of the cards found on the end of the pews and put it in the offering plate on the table at Communion. Parents, please add children's names.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION –Church office is open, Mon-Fri., 9am-2pm.

Please contact the church office for assistance. Jerry Russell (847-437-0990) and Jerry Jacobson (847-971-3257) are also available to handle any ministry needs.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Faithful giving is our response to God's love for what He has given us. Sun. attendance = \$ to meet our weekly need of \$4462.

BOARD OF Stewardship Luke 2:39 – “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord...” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph

found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE" Mite boxes are available on the outer narthex table with donations going toward our Building Fund. You may return your *filled* box to the basket on the outer narthex table. The Bd. of Human Care/Missions thanks you for your support!

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Special need of chicken soup, tomato soup, pasta sauce and tuna packed in water

IMPORTANT In the event that you need to miss church, remember that you can go to either TrinityVP.com or RevRobRogers on YouTube to see the sermon this week.

Also our website www.holyspiritgv.org to see our worship video.

OUR MISSION

"We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and witness God's love for us through worship, education, fellowship and human care

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN 12/27	1st Sunday After Christmas	12:00pm
THUR 12/24	A.A. Meeting	7:30pm
SUN 1/3	2nd Sunday After Christmas	12:00pm

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learn how to be part of this ministry

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