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CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2:10-11)

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 138 – “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

OPENING RESPONSE

Leader: Come, and sing a new song to God!

People: For God has done wonderful things!

Leader: God brings justice and salvation,

People: God’s faithful love is for everyone.

Leader: Tell everyone to sing songs of joy in praise of God!

People: Make music and celebrate!

Leader: For to us a child is born:

People: Jesus, the light of the world.

All: Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, born long ago and still today, child of the universe present among us. May we, in the things we do and say, continue to give birth to the presence of the living Christ in our world today and always. Amen.

THE GLORY TO GOD: P: 186

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: THE WORD OF THE LORD.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM: 96

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song; O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples.

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; for he is to be revered above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honour and power.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Leader: Worship the LORD in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth.

People: Say among the nations, 'The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.'

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.

People: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

Leader: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

All: We worship you, God of glory, in the beauty of holiness, and we joyfully proclaim your just and righteous rule, established for all, through your Son Jesus Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

Reader: A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO TITUS.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: THE WORD OF THE LORD.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GRADUAL HYMN: 140 – “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

(vs 1,2,3 before Gospel reading, vs 4,5 after Gospel reading)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Reader: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Reader: THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE.

People: GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Leader: THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

People: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

HOMILY: The Very Rev'd Nelson Small

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: We believe that we may join an angel song of hope, as love radiates out from the life of God. We believe that the birth of Christ is the sign of a vivid promise which never ends.

People: Christ is Born! We believe in the wonder of Christmas.

Leader: We believe in new beginnings born of faith. Love is always waiting to bring the Word to us again, and to transform the earth into a place where doors are held open to the coming of the Christ.

People: Christ is Born! We believe in the wonder of Christmas.

Leader: We believe that, whether we are a child or of older years, delight and joy will stir within us, as we dare to look at the sign of God's trust in humankind lying within the manger as the infant Christ.

People: Christ is Born! We believe in the wonder of Christmas.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Most gracious and loving God, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of the beloved Child, Jesus the Christ. Grant that Christ may be born anew in our hearts. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we too may sing with joy the angels' song. Lord of new birth,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of mercy, by the birth of your holy Child Jesus, you give a great light to dawn on our darkness. We confess to you the darkness of our lives, the times when we have refused the gift of your love forgive us. Bestow upon us the gift of your peace that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us. Lord of new birth,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of comfort, we thank you that we have a warm place to gather, and friends and family to care for us. We pray for all who are sick..., lonely, in trouble, or afraid, that they may be healed and comforted. Lord of new birth,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: O God of love, by the mystery of the word made flesh, you draw near and dwell among us. Open our hearts that we may receive the gift of your presence in the birth of Jesus. Fill our lives with your love that we might care for the earth's children with the love you have for us all. Lord of new birth,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: O God of peace, send the love of Jesus the peace maker into our hurting and troubled world. Strengthen those who work for peace, give courage to those who seek justice, and touch us all with the hope of your reign. Direct our steps that we may walk in the glory revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Lord of new birth,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: In the name of the Christ Child we pray. **Amen.**

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THE PEACE

Leader: God is with us! May the peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN: **139** – “The First Nowell”

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of peace, you Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. Amen.

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THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS: **74** – “For the Bread for Which You Have Broken”
56 – “I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: **143** – “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace, and live in the joy of Christmas.

People: Thanks be to God.

*All praise and thanks to you,
God of Christmas glory!
We join our hearts and voices
with all peoples, all nations,
and all of creation in welcoming
your gift to us of new life in Jesus Christ.*





CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*The flowers that decorate our church this Christmas season
are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:*

Alex & The Rettie Family

Jamie Hume

Sidney, Elizabeth, Alfred & Dorothy Jukes

Herbert & Lillian Cook, Florence Richmond

Allan & Mary Moore, Jim Hurd, Tyler Tyson

Vaughan Trim, Bernie DeSantis

Cecil & Edith Eagar, R. A. Eagar

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Romeo & Minerva Bellehumer

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Camille Poole, Jean Allen

David & Mary Ann and Angela Poole

Rita & Ray Barks

Gloria & Alan Virgo

Jack & Gladys Anderson, Becky Brown

Hilda & James Brickett

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Thelma & Kenneth Hurd

Peter Honsinger

Eleanor McClure

Addie & Mark Taylor and Family

Ed Fisher

Paul & Kevin Bushey, Ted Thurston

Gladys & Lawrence Hartwell

Harvey Borneman

Harold Truelove

Maureen Smith



Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.