

Living Waters Anglican Fellowship
The 1st Sunday after Christmas ~ Sunday, December 27, 2020

THE ACCLAMATION

For unto us a child is born,
Unto us a son is given.

Welcome

The Rector

Opening Song: **Hark ! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

THE 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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Here what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great and commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *(Matthew 22:37-40)*

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us pray;

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSON

John 1:1-14

Kathy Doering

THE SERMON

“Prepare Him Room: The Word”

The Rector

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song: **Sweet Little Jesus Boy**

Sweet little Jesus boy

born in a manger

Sweet little Holy child

we didn't know who You were

Long time ago it seems You were born

Born in a manger Lord,

sweet little Jesus boy

Didn't know you'd come to save us all

To take our sins away

Our eyes were blind we did not see

We didn't know who You were

You have shown us how

And we are trying

Master You have shown us how

Even as You were dying

This world treats You mean Lord

Treats me mean too

But that's how things are done down here

We didn't know it was You

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rector

For your indescribable gift:

We praise you, O Lord

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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 neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy upon us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (said)

As now as our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every Communion table of your church and in every home, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. For I pray in your holy name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Closing Song: **Joy to the World**
Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

THE DISMISSAL

We will proclaim:
Christ faithfully to the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.