



The Second Sunday after Christmas

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

January 3, 2021

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.*

Song of Praise

Your Name (Christmas Version)

Humbly to the earth you came
Born into this world to save
God with us, Emmanuel
Now we adore your name

Your name is a strong and mighty tower
Your name is a shelter like no other
Your name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save but your name

Jesus in your name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for you
And glorify your name

Collect of the Day

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 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.

People *After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 84

- 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 rejoice 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 himself 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 Anointed.
- [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 integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
 happy are they who put their trust in you!]

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.

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Song in Response

Better Is One Day

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for you
For here my heart is satisfied within your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings

Better is one day in your courts
Better is one day in your house
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask, and I would seek: to see your beauty
To find you in the place your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out for you the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me
I will draw near to you
I will draw near to you

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

People **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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."

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

All 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 worshipped 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 Form III

After each bidding, you may offer your own prayers aloud.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
All That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
All That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
All That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
All That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
All That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
All That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
All Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
All May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A concluding prayer is said by the priest

Adapted from the BCP

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Birthday/Anniversary Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Song

Benediction

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon you
May your soil be rich and black

Do not say good-bye my friend
But 'til we meet again

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May his face shine down on you
May the Lord be gracious to you
May the Lord grant you his peace

Dismissal

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: William Magee
 2nd: Frank Supercinski
 6th: Tom Keith
 8th: Javier Glave
 11th: Eric Mittenthal
 14th: Linsay Kirschke
 15th: Mauro Lara
 16th: Lauren Cammack
 16th: Emily McCarty
 20th: Ryan Randell
 21st: Jess Richardson
 21st: Roni Keith
 25th: Christina Richardson

Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

Virtual Worship Service

The following two Sundays, **December 27th & January 3rd**, we will do virtual worship, being streamed from the church.

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Christopher & Lori
- Bret & Carrie
- Katie
- Ray
- Devin
- Meg
- Aaron & Roni
- Jo Lee
- Lorraine
- Pete & Margie

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering. Or, send an email with your request to: prayer@smaalongview.org

**** Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. ****

Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
12/06/20	\$1,216	\$3,065	-\$1,849
12/13/20	\$1,791	\$3,065	-\$1,274
12/20/20	\$2,264	\$3,065	-\$801
12/27/20	\$3,294	\$3,065	\$229
YTD TOTALS	\$128,157	\$159,371	-\$31,215

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