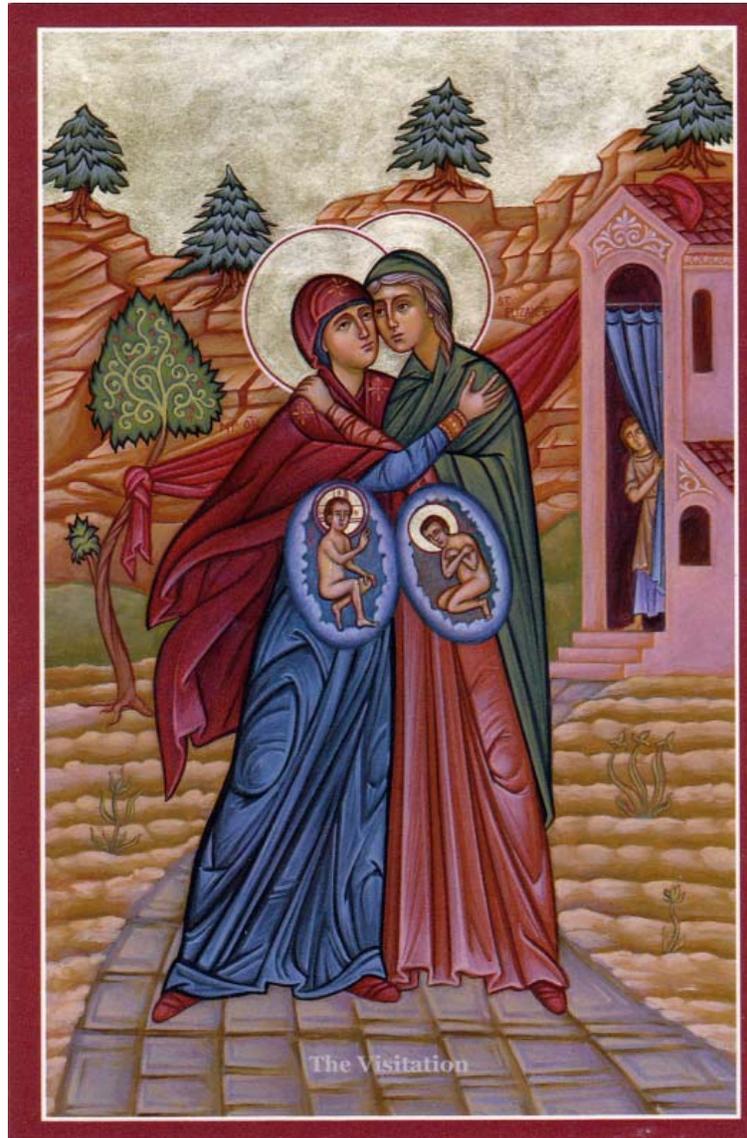


ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ROSEVILLE, MN



ADVENT 3
Year B
December 13, 2020
10:30 AM

Welcome to Worship with St. Christopher's!

Wednesday service at 12:15 p.m. in the North Parking lot, in your car. 96.1 FM on the radio.

Next Sunday's readings: Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 147; Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7; John 1:1-18.
(Christmas 1, Year B)

Audio podcasts of sermons are available online at our website. Please click on WORSHIP, and then Sermons. Links to previous Sundays' recordings are on the same page.

Prelude

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant and people:

**We wait upon our God and Savior,
and look for the One who draws near.
You are our trust, our God.
We pray that no envy and malice, no hatred or fear,
may smother the flame.
We pray that indifference and apathy,
contempt and pride,
may not extinguish its light.
Be with us by day, be with us by night,
and if darkness should cover the earth
keep our lights shining brightly.
We are on a journey, for our hearts
have run before us to Your Kingdom.
Once far off, we have now been brought near.
We wait upon our God and Savior,
and look for the One who draws near.**

from Celtic Daily Prayer, Candle Lighting Service

The Celebrant and the people say:

**Find rest, O my soul, in God alone:
my hope comes from God alone.**

**Come I this morning to God Almighty,
come I this morning to the Almighty Son,
come I this morning to the Holy Spirit:
come I this morning to God, the three in one.
Come I this morning with Christ,
come I with the Spirit of kindness.**

**Come I to You, Jesus.
Jesus, shelter me.**

Adapted from the Celtic Daily Prayer

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Said by all: **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.**

Gloria

Said by all:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel [7:1-11, 16]

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 3

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded *

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth *

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him *

throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; *

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

**He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome [16:25-27]

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

The Gospel—Luke 1:26-38

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.
The Sermon

The Rev. Marilyn Baldwin

The people stand.
The 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form 3, Book of Common Prayer p. 387

Deacon or other leader
Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Confession

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Absolution

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

The people stand

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people sit.

Greetings & Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p. 369

The people stand.

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Communion 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 Blessing

Dismissal

The Deacon says the dismissal.

The People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thursday Ministries

Readers: Chris Mayr
Sue Triebenbach
Intercessor: Ella Snyder

Sunday Ministry

Altar Guild: Julie SHiek

Faith Formation

Children's Sunday School Zoom at 9:30 AM Sundays.

Adult Formation/Video Coffee Hour Via Zoom at 8 AM Sundays.

Pledge Drive Update

Where does 2020 stand? Well, we are about 3% behind on pledge receipts at the end of November. Please be sure your 2020 Pledge is up to date. Because of Covid-19, we are behind in building income by about \$31,000. **For 2021**, about 76% (89) of our pledges are in so far. They account for about 79% of the asked-for amount towards our 2021 budget. We are "short" about \$55,000. Please let us know what you intend for 2021.

Christmas Eve Drive-thru Communion

On Thursday, **December 24, 3-4 PM**, Fr. Randy Johnson and Rev. Marilyn Baldwin will be available for "drive-thru" Christmas Communion and blessing, at the North (main) doors.

E-Traveler Deadline is December 28th

If you have something you would like to submit for the January e-Traveler, the deadline is Monday, December 28.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Our 2020 Annual Meeting will be held virtually on January 24, 2021.

We expect to mail out copies of the Annual Report about one week before the meeting. Please watch for information about logging in for the meeting. It will be very similar to connecting for Adult Forum. **If you will be submitting a report** for the Annual Report Book, PLEASE have it in the office not later than **January 10th**. THANK YOU!

"Housekeeping"

Restrooms are available in the lower narthex, for acute need only.

Parish Prayer List

Please pray for our Members and Friends who are in Acute need:

Please pray for our Shut Ins and Members with ongoing needs:

Mary Barkley	Pamela Case	Marcia Rockwood
Jerry Baxter	Harold Danley	Dave Stewart
Jean Brandt	Michael Elsen	Barb Swanson
Dan Brown	Don Horton	Jean Swesey
Dennis Buechler	Ken Ives	Evelynne Thompson
Ruth Buechler	Ebie Richards	Barb Wilkinson
Betty Carr	Mary Richards	Roberta Williams

Please pray for our family and friends with ongoing needs:

Brian Hogan, Nora Bridges, Carol Haskin, Faith, Allison & Beth, Barb & Roger Carsten, Karen Olson, Dan B., Bonnie, Lois Purrington, Gretchen Glueck, Savannah Rausch, Geri & Bud Julkowski, Jerry, Renee Forst, Jack Cork, Bev Singleton, Olivia McLoughlin, Elizabeth Bergum, Steve & Pam, Wanda Alexander, Parker Bergum, Mary Jane LaPlant, Ruth Engdahl, Susan, Kirk Ingram, Amy, Marmie, Ann, Russ Amling, Virginia L. Nymeyer, Diane Ferry, Sue Hitchcock, ViAnn Arneson, Jim VonDeLinde, Brenda Beard Conley, Conner Eischens, Merle Anderson, Jan Holte, Dave Waring, Sydney Eischens, Kit Corti, Russell Hitchcock, Nancy Kersten, Missy Peterson.

Pray for all who have died, especially James Jordahl, son of Barbara Jordahl.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, please pray for the mission and ministry of the Mothers' Union throughout the Anglican Communion.

In the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of prayer, please pray for the Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya; and the Missioners and Missional Support staff in ECMN; pray for the foundations that minister to children with special needs, especially for the work of the Sheltering Arms Foundation; and for all who work in child protection agencies throughout the state of Minnesota. Pray also for Church of the Nativity in Burnsville.

Please pray for children caught in crisis at our borders, and around the world. Please pray for our neighbors who are refugees and immigrants. Please pray for the President and President-elect, and the Congress of the United States. Please pray for the victims of the Coronavirus, and for the caregivers and first responders who care for them. Please pray for world peace and justice for all people; and for those whose lives have been disrupted by recent marches and riots, storms and wildfires worldwide.

Please pray also for our enemies and for those who wish us harm.

In Thanksgiving: we give thanks for friends and family apart from us this holiday season, staying safe to gather in the next season; and for the ministries of our members as they continue to live as the Church away from our building.

We remember those who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

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23 Michael Mann
26 Janet Harrison



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