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## *First Sunday After Christmas*

**December 26, 2021**

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.  
Colossians 3:15, 16*

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)**

Celebrant: The Venerable Susan Oliver  
Preacher: Dr. Alison Hurlburt

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Mollie, Frank, Sandra,  
Alec and Geneva Richardson from Gwen Logan.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Cheryl Natrass from her husband Bruce and their family.*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude:

Opening Hymn: #123 Once in David's Royal City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high,  
when, like stars, his children crowned all in white shall gather round.

## *The Gathering of the Community*

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Glory to God

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.  
To God be glory forever.  
Alleluia, Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, 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.**

Children's Talk

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading: (1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26)

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Music Gesu Bambino (soloist)

Second Reading: (Colossians 3:12-17)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven

you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Gradual Hymn #128 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
and they say that his name was Jesus.

#### Refrain:

He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.  
He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.  
O yes, believer! O yes, believer! He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. Luke (2:41-52)

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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Gradual Hymn #128 'The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

The angels sang when the baby was born,  
the angels sang when the baby was born,  
the angels sang when the baby was born,  
and proclaim him the Saviour Jesus.

Refrain:

He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.  
He come from the glory, he come from the glorious kingdom.  
O yes, believer! O yes, believer! He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom

Sermon

Dr. Alison Hurlburt

The Apostle's Creed

**All: 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 power of 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to God's table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: 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 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Peace***

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*We offer the peace of Christ collectively, rather than individually.*

*Please feel free to smile at your neighbour, but refrain from shaking hands.*

***The Celebration of the Eucharist***

Offertory Hymn: #146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,  
that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;  
before their light the stars grew dim,  
and wond'ring hunters heard the hymn: R

Refrain: Jesus, your king, is born,  
Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

Within a lodge of broken bark, the tender babe was found;  
a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round.  
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
the angel song rang loud and high: R

O children of the forest free, beloved of Manitou,  
the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant boy,  
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy: R

Prayer over the Gifts

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: God of Light,

**All: in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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**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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. .... By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Response: #735 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; ..... All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

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

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Music during Communion:

*Say, Where is He Born" (from Christus, Mendelssohn) - duet*

#148 See Amid the Winter's Snow

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years! R

Refrain:

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Singing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies,  
who enthroned in height sublime sits amid the cherubim. R

Say, ye humble shepherds, say what your joyful news today;  
wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep? R

"As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
angels singing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Saviour's birth." R

Sacred infant, all divine, what a mighty love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! R

#376 Gloria (Taize)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer after Communion

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Source of truth and joy,

**All: may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow  
the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ  
the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #153 Good Christians All Rejoice

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Listen now to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today; Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Hear the news of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door and we are blessed for evermore!

Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this!

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now you need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save:  
come at his most gracious call to find salvation, one and all!

Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

## The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**This week we pray for:** Diocese of Western Newfoundland: the Rt. Rev. John Organ, Bishop. Holy Trinity, Edmonton: Danielle Key (s. Robert), Rector; Allan Bonertz (s. Marg), Penny Bruce and Robin Walker (s. Joanne), Honorary Assistants; RJ Chambers (s. Janette), Arts Administrator; Janette Chambers (s. RJ), Office Administrator. Chaplain at Buyé High School: Audace Kwizera. Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.

*Readings for Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12*

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