

SAINT JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fresno, California

December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

The Nativity of our Lord

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II



Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10, 11

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Please stand after an opening Scripture is read.

The Word of God

Prelude

Away in the Manger

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Go Tell It On the Mountain

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Processional:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

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.

Gloria:

Angels We Have Heard On High

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that

we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and *for ever*. Amen.

The Lessons (*Holy Scripture is from the English Standard Version. The Psalm is from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 Ed.*)

Please be seated.

*After each Reading, the Lector may say,
People may respond,*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98:1-6 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.

- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He

makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

Gradual:

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying,
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, lthat all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who

believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

After the Gospel, the Reader says
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon – Fr. Carlos Raines

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.

Prayers of the People

Form II

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church in Kitale (Kenya)

Deacon or other leader

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s): Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Foley, our Archbishop; Eric, our Bishop; and the Clergy who serve you in this congregation; and for our missionaries: Martin & Rose; Brad & Sue; Frank & Ann; Peter & Silvia and for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for Barack, our President; Jerry, our Governor; Ashley, our Mayor; and our other elected representatives; our Armed Forces and their families.

Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed –

Pray for those who gave their lives for our Country.

Pray for those who have died.

Those listed on our intercession list and any others you would pray for:

Gladys	Inner Healing Jan. 8	Marguerite	Healing Jan. 8
Fr Antonio	Healing Jan. 8	Rita	Healing Jan. 8
Danny	Healing, Cancer Jan. 8	Carole	Healing Jan. 8
Albert	Healing Jan. 8	Jason	Protection overseas Jan. 8
Michael	Healing Jan. 8	Grace	Strength for family Jan. 8
Tyger	Healing Jan. 8		

Pray for the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade, Army National Guard, deployed to the Middle East.

We give thanksgiving for -

Celebrant offers the following 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.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says,

Let us hold a moment of silent reflection before the confession.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Priest, stands and says,

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 Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with your spirit

Receiving Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion. If you choose not to receive, please indicate by crossing your arms and you will receive a blessing.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

Offertory: O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with your Spirit.
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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant offers the following proper preface

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and Earth are 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 and people

It is appropriate to kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this

sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify + us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Silence

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to **sing**:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Holy is 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 and the power
And the glory are Yours, now and forever,
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

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The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. *Amen.*

Communion:

What Child Is This

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After communion the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or the following

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.

Dismissal **Joy To The World!** **Page # 10**

Postlude: **'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime** **Page # 18**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

**The Office Staff would like to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**

Announcements

The church office will be closed on December 26th

There will be no Morning Prayer Service from

December 26th through January 2nd

The office will be closed on January 2nd.

Visitors Welcome!

We are so pleased that you are here with us. Please fill out the "Communication Page" below and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher, and then join us for coffee in the Fireside Room after the service. *So that we may stay in contact with you, please give us as much information as you care to share:*

COMMUNICATIONS PAGE

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Spouse: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Is this your 1st visit ___ 2nd visit ___ 3rd visit ___ ?

I came as a guest of _____

Please indicate: Single ___ Married ___ Anniversary _____

Names/Birthdays of Children Living at Home: _____

