

# Church of the Holy Apostles

## Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two



For the 27th of December 2020  
The First Sunday after Christmas Day

## **Prelude**

*From highest heaven to earth I come*

Johann Pachelbel

*The Officiant may first greet and briefly address the congregation, after which*

*All stand, and the Officiant begins the service with the following sentence of Scripture.*

“Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10,11

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the People*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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 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 Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*Officiant*            Lord, open our lips.  
**People**                **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

**Alleluia.**

*Designated cantors then sing the following Invitatory Psalm, Jubilate.*

**Jubilate**    *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
    serve the Lord with gladness  
    and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
    he himself has made us, and we are his;  
    we are his people and the sheep of his pasture  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
    give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
    and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

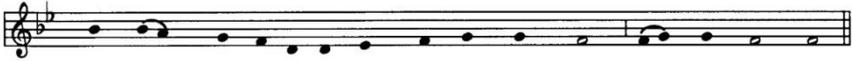
*Then follows*

## The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

*The people are seated for the Psalm, and remain seated for the lessons and hymns that follow.*

*The Psalm is chanted by the cantors.*

### Psalm 147:13-21



How pleas - ant it is to hon - or God with praise, hal - le - lu - jah.

- <sup>13</sup> Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- <sup>14</sup> For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- <sup>15</sup> He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- <sup>16</sup> He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- <sup>17</sup> He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- <sup>18</sup> He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- <sup>19</sup> He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- <sup>20</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- <sup>21</sup> He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalm is sung*

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.

## The Lessons

*One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first announcing the Lesson.*

A Reading from Isaiah (61:10-62:3)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*After the Lesson the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**People**                    **Thanks be to God.**

*After the Reading, the following hymn is sung by the cantors.*

**For the Canticle**                    *Angels we have heard on high*                    Hymn 96

*The Reader announces the second Lesson.*

A Reading from the Gospel according to John (1:1-18)

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*After the Lesson the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

**For the Canticle**

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen*

Hymn 105

vss. 1,2,4

**The Homily**

Mr. Tom Carpenter

**The Apostles' Creed**

*The Officiant and People together, all standing*

**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

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

**People**              **And also with you.**

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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

*Suffrages B*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

*The Officiant then says the following Collects, or others as appointed*

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled 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.**

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Officiant and People pray the following intercessions responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For the people of this community, the nation, and the world, and those in authority among them;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and  
the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Phoebe our Bishop; and for  
all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For Christians in other denominations and the work of the  
ecumenical movement

His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome

His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of

Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch  
The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches,  
Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World

Methodist Council

The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the  
World Communion of Reformed Churches  
(Anglican cycle of prayer)

For Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, Wisconsin (Anglican  
Religious Orders cycle of prayer)

For St. Edward's Chapel at Trezevant Manor (West TN  
Diocesan cycle of prayer)

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and for  
those on our parish prayer list:

**Fred, Marilyn, Wendie, Brooke, Carl, Robbie, Abigail, Gloria,  
Bob, Nathaniel, Ronnie, Gia, Allegra, Bonnie, Tom, David,  
Kim, Nancy, Edna, Neil, Leona, Leo, Beth, Gina, Phillip,  
Glenn, Katherine, Brad, Betty, Phyllis, Judy, Dudley**

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and especially for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week:

Jane Harris  
Elizabeth Gates

Walker Dukes

Elizabeth and Rick Ferguson  
Judy and Frank Potter  
Marianne and George Waszilycsak  
Zoe and Mike Marshall

*Silence*  
*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*  
*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*A Prayer for the Parish*

**Faithful and loving God, you trace our journeys and our resting places and are acquainted with all our ways. Sustain Holy Apostles with your grace during this time of transition; bless us with joy, beauty, and wonder, and bind us together in fellowship and love. Empower us to continue to be a place of refuge for the weary and companionship for the pilgrim. Raise up for us a pastor who will care for your people, equip us for our ministries, and shine a light on your path. Grant that we may**

walk with you in the Way of Love, and reflect your goodness and light always. This we pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant*            Let us bless the Lord.

**People**              **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes with the Grace*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

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