



Second Sunday after Christmas
Holy Eucharist Rite II
January 3, 2021 - 10:30 am

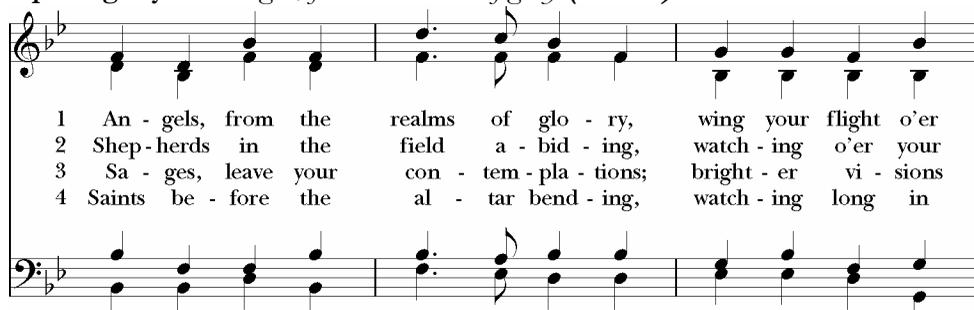
The Word of God

Prelude-*Silent Night*- arr. R. Hobby

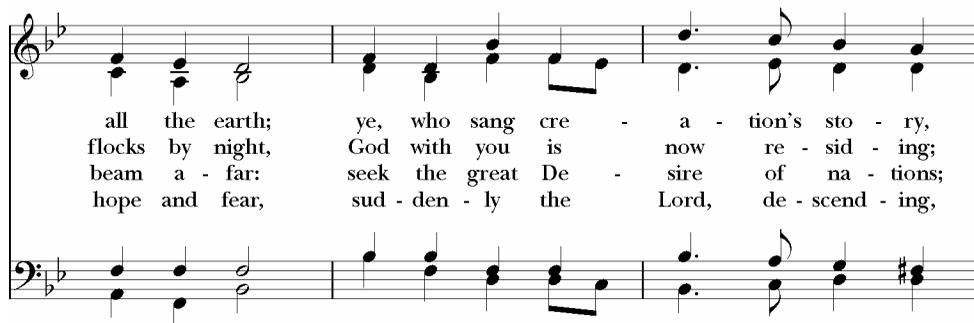
Wendi Gustafson- Organ

Opening Hymn- *Angels, from the realms of glory (v. 1&3)*

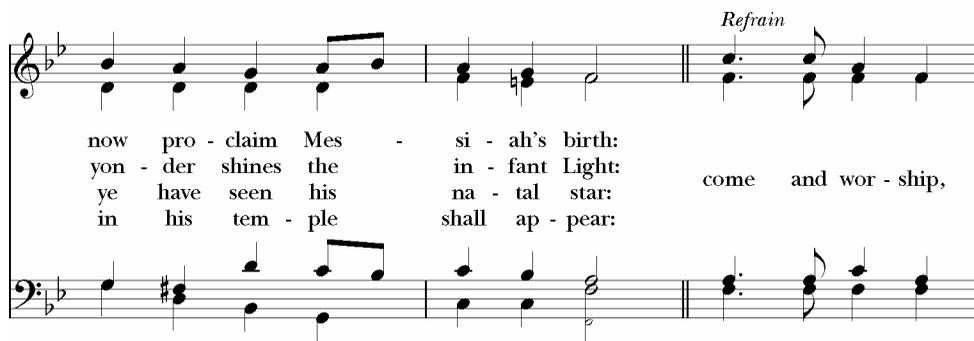
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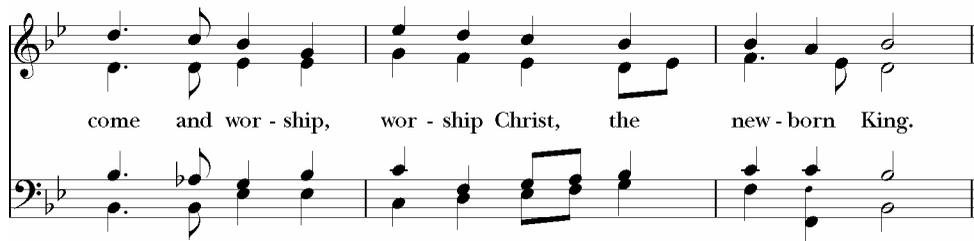
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Refrain
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 (v. 3&4)

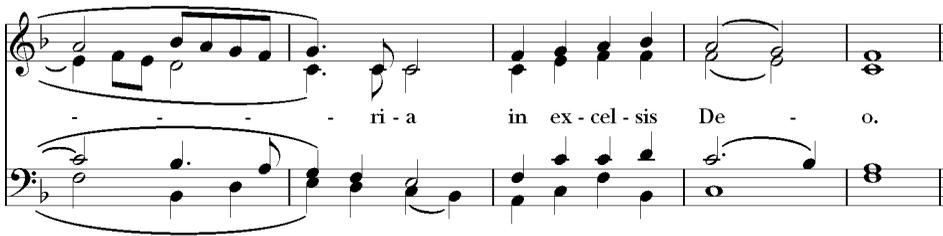
Hymnal 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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The Collect of the Day

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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.***

All are seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm Appointed

Reader The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 84. Let us read in unison.

*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.*

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.

*Happy are they who dwell in your house! **

they will always be praising you.

*Happy are the people whose strength is in you! **

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

*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.

*They will climb from height to height, **

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

*Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; **

hearken, O God of Jacob.

*Behold our defender, O God; **

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

*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.*

*For the Lord God is both sun and shield; **

he will give grace and glory;

*No good thing will the Lord withhold **

from those who walk with integrity.

*O Lord of hosts, **

happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Epistle

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *We three kings (v. 1)*

Hymnal 128



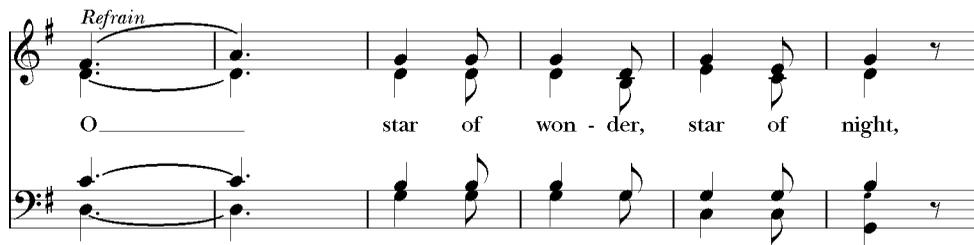
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Refrain

O _____ star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,
 still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

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All stand

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (2:1-12).

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Fr. Stephen Shortess

All stand.

*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 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.*

After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.

Prayers of the People: Form IV

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Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world; especially for Epiphany, Kingsville; St. Timothy's, Cotulla; and for our Vestry and staff. For all the bishops and

other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife Caroline; for Michael our Presiding Bishop and his wife, Sharon; for David our bishop and his wife, Patti; and for Stephen our rector and his wife, Jennifer. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader Guide the people of this land, and all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Especially Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; and Donna our Mayor, for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, and for Family Life Center and its work in our community. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries, the health of the community may be promoted, and your creation glorified. Lord in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for our families, friends, and neighbors; especially for: John Matocha, Whitney Morgan, Russel Gustafson, Carolyn Lehman, Elizabeth Walker, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, and all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus. For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Kenneth Minter, Ann Benham, Audrey Herron, Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon, and Patsy Creager. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Silence

Confession of Sin

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

Celebrant 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.

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.***

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

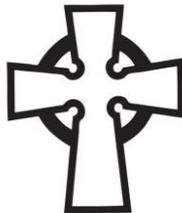
Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthday Prayers

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants
Michael Sharp, Jeanene Smith, Brenda Montague, Holden Roeder, Patrick Casey,
Jim Miller, Martha Bruns, and Matt Fellows, 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 lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn—*Oh, sleep now, holy baby*

Hymnal 113

Introduction/Interlude



1 Duér-
2 No

1 Oh,
2 You

1 me - te, Ni - ño lin - do, en los bra - zos del a -
2 te - mas al rey He - ro - des que na - da te ha de ha -

1 sleep now, ho - ly ba - by, with your head a - gainst my
2 need not fear— King He - rod, he will bring no harm to

1 mor mien - tras que duer - me y des - can - sa la
2 cer; en los bra - zos de tu ma - dre y ahí

1 breast; mean-while the pangs of my sor - row are
2 you; so rest in the arms of your mo - ther who

Refrain

1 pe - na de mi do - lor.
2 na - die te ha de o - fen - der. A la ru, a la

1 soothed and put to rest.
2 sings you a la ru.

mè, A la ru, a la mè, a la ru, a la

mè, a la ru, a la ru, a la mè.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Sursum Corda-

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

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Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant 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 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.

Celebrant 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

Hymnal S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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After the Sanctus: You may kneel or remain standing for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant And now as our Savior BCP p. 364
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.



Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S154

The congregation sings the entire anthem.

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will know to give you a blessing. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with Fr. Stephen!

Communion Hymn 1- *What child is this*

Hymnal 115

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thens sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

***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.***

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*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.*

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn- Good Christian friends, rejoice (v. 1&3)

Hymnal 107

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Dismissal

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Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude-*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen- arr. W. Held*

Wendi Gustafson- Organ



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Paul and Claudia Gaytan in thanksgiving for their Mothers.

Ministers in the Lord's Service

Celebrant- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Lay Reader- Kelly Follis

Altar Guild- Mary Louise Donegan, Joyce Richey, Linda Lynn, Holly Modl

Ushers- Bill & Robin Walker

Offertory Tellers- Frank Galaway & Jim Anderson

Musicians- Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor

Wendi Gustafson- Music Director/Organ

Camerasmen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell, Betty Anderson,
Warren Wundt

Sound- Jim Anderson

Announcements

In observance of New Year's Day, **the church office will be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st. We hope you all have a Happy New Year!**

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 17th.