



**A Service of the Word
for**

**All Saints', St Augustine of Canterbury, &
St James' (Roseland) Anglican Churches, Windsor
and**

**Christ Church (Anglican), Colchester
St Andrews' Anglican Church, Harrow**

The First Sunday of Christmas – December 27th, 2020

Opening Responary & Gathering of the Community

One The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All And also with you.

One Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

All May all the earth be filled with God's glory.

One Light has sprung up for the righteous,

All And joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.

One Glory to God in the highest,

All And peace to God's people on earth.

One Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn CP143 **Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

Confession and Absolution

One Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

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.

One May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Act of Praise

As the Deer

Collect of the Day

One God of promise you renew your gift to those whose faces are lined and whose hearts are filled by the passage of years: help us, with Simeon and Anna, to see beyond the surface the face and heart of God in Jesus Christ, the given Child.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7

Gradual Song

Make Me A Servant

Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40

Gospel Discussion

1. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in the passage?
2. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in our world?
3. Where is the grace/love in the passage?
4. Where is the grace/love in our world?

Apostles' Creed

One Let us confess our faith as we say,

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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please respond to each petition ending "Loving God" with "... hear our prayer."

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP153

Good Christians All, Rejoice

One God of light, 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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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.

Doxology

One 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

Closing Hymn

CP138

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Dismissal

One Go forth into the world rejoicing. Spread the good news of Christ our light and our redeemer.

All Thanks be to God.



Announcements

Join us each week to worship in this form via YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Also, we have begun to offer onsite worship in each of the sites listed – please contact your parish for information about how to participate.

Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each parish will communicate changes as we move through this time.

Please be in touch with your priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time.

Your continued financial support remains needed so that the church can continue its ministry in the wider world. Please mail your contributions to the church, get signed up for pre-authorized giving, or visit the Canada Helps Page for your parish:

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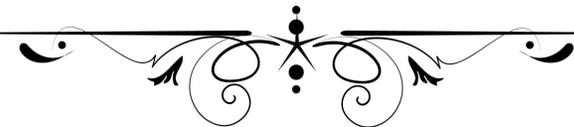
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First Reading: ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 148

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

2 Praise the Lord all you angels; sing praises, all you heavenly host.

3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praises, all you shining stars.

4 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, sing praises, you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; who gave the command and they were created,

6 who made them stand fast for ever and ever, who gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

9 mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

10 wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and wingèd birds;

11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

12 young men and young women, old and young together.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendour is over earth and heaven.

14 The Lord has raised up strength for this people and praise for all loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: GALATIANS 4:4-7

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel LUKE 2:22-40

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

The gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and
worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.
2. Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and
worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and
worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.
4. Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and
worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

5. Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
come and worship, come and
worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Act of Praise As the Deer

1. As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship Thee.

Refrain

You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and you are my
brother
even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

Refrain

3. I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver,
and the apple of my eye.

Refrain

Gradual Hymn

Make Me A Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always
be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.

Offertory Hymn CP153 Good Christians All, Rejoice

1. 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!
2. 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!
3. 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!

Closing Hymn CP138

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! [Refrain]
3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of
Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth.