



First Sunday of Christmas December 27, 2020

Prelude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Dietrich Buxtehude

Opening Hymn 497 (vs. 1, 3) “How bright appears the Morning Star”

*How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming from afar;
the host of heaven rejoices;*

*O righteous Branch, O Jesse’s Rod! Thou Son of Man and Son of God!
We, too, will lift our voices;*

*Jesus, Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw thou near us;
great Emmanuel, come and hear us.*

*Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply; with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,
for this his Incarnation.*

*Incarnate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great Conqueror,
till all know thy salvation.*

*Amen, amen! Alleluia, alleluia! Praise be given
evermore, by earth and heaven.*

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.*

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

Hymn of Praise 96 (vs. 1,3) “Angels we have heard on high”

*Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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 Reading from the book of the Prophet 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *What Child is This*

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying,

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray 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 this community, the nation, and the world;

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 *Kenneth* our Bishop; Rob and Cameron our Clergy and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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, especially for... who are celebrating
birthdays this week and for...who celebrate their anniversary this week.

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, [esp.] 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.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins
Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and
unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and
serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

The Offertory Hymn 109 (vs. 1, 6) “The First Nowell”

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;*

*in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord:
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

Spiritual Communion*

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.

Officiant and People

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn 82 (vs. 1-3) "Of the Father's love begotten"

*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!*

*O that birth for ever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!*

*Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!*

The Deacon or Celebrant, dismisses the people.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Joy to the World

Handel/Watts

*From the Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

The Sunday News
December 27, 2020

Worship Update: Worship Services at St. Patrick's continue to be available on-line via YouTube and shared to our Facebook page. Join us Wednesdays at 12:00pm and Sundays at 9:30am. We will continue to follow the recommendations of the Diocese of Southern Ohio and refrain from "indoor, in-person worship until Covid infections decrease to a number recommended by the CDC and the Governor for congregant gatherings."

Epiphany Finger Play- ALL AGES WELCOME! Each year St. Patrick's tells an Epiphany story that is uniquely ours. This year pageant participants will receive finger puppets. Tell the story of Christmas at home and if you're willing, send us a recording! We'd love to hear your stories about the birth of Jesus, the arrival of the Wise People, or of the Saints of God who came after and spread the light of Christ in the world. A Collection of Epiphany Finger Plays and Memories will be shared during the 12 days of Christmas. Just be genuinely you! If you would like to join in the fun, simply contact Mother Cameron to receive a set of puppets. Check out this video on YouTube for inspiration: Christmas According to Kids- Southland Christian Church. (<https://youtu.be/suowe2czxcA>)

Holiday Closings: The Parish office will be closed for the holidays from Thursday, December 24- Monday, December 28 and Thursday, December 31- Monday, January 4. In case of emergency, contact the Rev. Cameron O'Riley at assistant@pats-dublin.org or 706-506-1578. Please also remember when there is someone in the office, parishioners should make an appointment to come by either by email or by calling the church office. This helps us to eliminate too many people coming in at the same time and helps to keep everyone safe.

A Service for New Year's Eve (December 31) **and the Feast of the Holy Name** (January 1) will be available on YouTube beginning at 5:00pm.

We will celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany** on January 6 at 12:00pm live on YouTube.

Education

Adult Forum is taking a week off for the Christmas Holiday.

EYC Sunday Nights is taking a week off for the Christmas Holiday.

Children's Chapel at Home Kits are being made for January. If you would like to receive these monthly resources for faith formation at home, contact Mother Cameron. **Virtual Children's Chapel** is a way to engage with Children's Christian formation on-line. Access the Virtual Children's Chapel via this [link](#).

Outreach

Gift Giving Made Easy – Skip the mall and send a gift that makes a difference in the lives of those who lack the resources many of us take for granted. Order online from Episcopal Relief and Development. They will ship your gift to a needy recipient overseas. Check out all the offerings at Episcopal Relief and Development – Goats \$80, pigs \$100, Fruit Trees \$35, Bicycle \$95, Education and Literacy Gifts and much, much more. See all your options and order online at [Episcopalrelief.org/gifts](https://episcopalrelief.org/gifts). Thank you for caring for those who have less.

Dublin Food Pantry Dublin Food Pantry also still needs their regular supplies for the weekly pantry This month's most needed items are: Ramen Noodles, Cans of Soup, Pasta or Rice sides, Canned Vegetables, Mac N Cheese boxes, Pancake Mix (regular size). They also give out Feminine Pads, Laundry Detergent, Baby Diapers (sizes 5-6) and miscellaneous toiletries Bring items to the pantry: 81 Bridge Street, Dublin or put them in the wagon in the church breezeway Or, contribute online: [Food Pantry](#)

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<p><u>Sunday, December 27</u> Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><u>Monday, December 28</u> EfM Extension at 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 29</u> Men's Group at 7:00 a.m.</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 30</u> Noonday Prayers at 12:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 31</u> Office Closed Worship Service at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday, January 1</u> Office Closed Worship Service at 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</u> Preacher: The Rev. Cameron O'Riley Celebrant: The Rev. Cameron O'Riley Lay Reader: Kim DeAngelo Deacon: The Rev. Rob Rideout Music Director: Jennifer Bell</p> <p><u>Calendar Key</u> Red: Streamed on You Tube and will be available there and posted on Facebook after the service if there is a disruption in the streaming.</p> <p>Blue: Meeting via Zoom invitation. If you would like to participate in a Zoom and do not receive a link, please contact the clergy. For Coffee Hour, please see Zoom link in Stephen's email with the bulletin.</p> <p>Black: In person event with safety precautions in place.</p>										
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