



**CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL PARISH**

Lake Oswego, Oregon

Christmas Day

December 25, 2024

10:00 am



REFUGEE

WE THINK OF HIM as safe beneath the steeple,
Or cosy in a crib beside the font,
But he is with a million displaced people
On the long road of weariness and want.
For even as we sing our final carol
His family is up and on that road,
Fleeing the wrath of someone else's quarrel,
Glancing behind and shouldering their load.
Whilst Herod rages still from his dark tower
Christ clings to Mary, fingers tightly curled,
The lambs are slaughtered by the men of power,
And death squads spread their curse across the world.
But every Herod dies, and comes alone
To stand before the Lamb upon the throne.

from Sounding the Seasons
Malcolm Guite
Canterbury Press

The Word of God

Voluntary

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Janis Dunson Wilson

Hymn In Procession

Hymn 100

Joy to the World

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

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

Hymn of Praise

Hymn 96

Angels we have heard on high (vs. 1 & 2)

Collect of the Nativity

BCP 213

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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

Isaiah 52:7-12

Lector A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins 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. Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of it, purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the Lord. For you shall not go out in hast, and you shall not go in flight; for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Of the Father's love begotten

The Holy Gospel**Hymn 82****John 1:1-14**

Gospeler 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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily**The Rev'd Brad Toebben**

Prayers of the People

Please stand throughout the Prayers of the People as you are able.

Intercessor God of darkness and silence, you have pierced this holy day by the utterance of your Word in our flesh. May your word of compassion and reconciliation resound in us and through us. Hear us now as we voice our concerns for your Church, your world, and your children.

Intercessor On this holy day angels proclaimed the peace of your unconquered Sun of righteousness. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice. Today as we welcome the Prince of Peace, we pray for the end of conflict in the Middle East, and wherever peace has proved elusive. God of love, Prince of peace.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy day you came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn. Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, the naked and the imprisoned, the thirsty and the lonely, and especially those who are refugees. God of love, Prince of peace.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy day shepherds and outcasts heard your good news. Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation. God of love, Prince of peace.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy day we rejoice at the coming of this time of re-creation. Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us. God of love, Prince of peace.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy day Christians throughout the world celebrate Christ's birth. Unite us in one family that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness. God of love, Prince of peace.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy day your living Word leaped down, shedding light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Today we especially remember those for whom this Christmas season is a difficult one and for those who are in harm's way. We pray for the sick, the homebound, and those with other concerns. God of love, Prince of peace.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy day heaven and earth embrace and in your true child you give us power to be your children. Fulfill in your love all who have gone before us in the faith. May we, like them, remain faithful to the mystery of the Word made flesh and live in your eternal light. God of love, Prince of peace.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 105

God rest you merry gentlemen (vs. 1 & 4)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Presider and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help so that in seeking you we might find you. Again, and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets, you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor, he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity guard its faith and preserve it in peace.

Remember our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Diana, all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, And all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Amen

BCP 368

Presider Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.

People *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion of the People

All who hunger for God are cordially invited to this table, including children. Please stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread will be placed on your palm. You may consume the bread and then drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice to guide it to your lips). Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest if you require this alternative. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

*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.*

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, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, be upon
you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

BCP 366

The Presider dismisses the congregation, and the people respond,

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 87

Hark! The herald angels sing

Voluntary

Aria Pastorella

Johan Valentin Rathgeber

Participants in Worship

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