

# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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AT-HOME GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

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# A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Before the service, decorate the home with greenery and flowers. Set up a small table with a piece of white fabric on it. If you have candles and a Bible, place these on the table. An Advent wreath is also appropriate for the season.*

## **OPENING ANTHEM**

*Begin with an opening hymn. We recommend "O Come O Ye Faithful."*

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye,  
to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him,  
born the King of angels.

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh  
appearing.

## **THE ACCLAMATION**

*The People standing, the Officiant says*

Worthy is the Lord our God,  
**People To receive glory and honor and power.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The presider and people pray together*

**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.**

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*The presider says the following*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

## THE KYRIE

*The presider and people prayer together*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The presider says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People And with your spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light; that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from Exodus 33:18–23

Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.”<sup>19</sup> And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”<sup>20</sup> But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.”<sup>21</sup> And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;<sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;<sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 92

*Said responsively by whole verse.*

- <sup>1</sup> It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,  
and to sing praises unto your Name, O Most High,
- <sup>2</sup> **To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning,  
and of your faithfulness in the night season,**
- <sup>3</sup> Upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the lute,  
with the sound of melody upon the harp.
- <sup>4</sup> **For you, LORD, have made me glad by your deeds,  
and I will shout for joy because of your handiwork.**
- <sup>11</sup> The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.
- <sup>12</sup> **Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.**
- <sup>13</sup> They also shall bring forth fruit in their old age,  
and shall be green and full of sap,
- <sup>14</sup> **That they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no unrighteousness.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from 1 John 1:1–9

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:19b–24

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

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

After this Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.”

<sup>20</sup>Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” <sup>21</sup>When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” <sup>23</sup>So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

<sup>24</sup>This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The People sit.*

## THE HOMILY

*Take a moment to talk with your family about the Gospel Lesson. You may also access Fr. Brian’s sermon online.*





HYMN

*“Go Tell it on the Mountain”*

*Boswell, Kauflin, Merker*

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn

**Chorus**

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the presider first saying*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*Presider and people*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Officiant invites the People to offer intercessions and laments.*

*Please remember in your prayers:*

- **Clergy** — Foley, our Archbishop; Bill, our Bishop; Fr. Wes, Fr. Brian, and Fr. Chuck, our Priests; and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation, especially Faith Anglican Church in Fairview, TX and the Rev. Justin Lokey
- **Missionaries** — Lauren Butler in Albania; Jerry and Stacy Kramer in Tanzania and Iraq, Suzy McCall and Amanda Scott in Honduras, Craig Stewart in South Africa, and Tillie Tiller in Chad
- **Immigration Services** — Stacy Preston and Lynn Binkley
- **Public Servants** — our president, Donald Trump; our president-elect Joseph Biden; our governor, Bill Lee; our county mayor, Jimmy Harris; and our city mayor, Scott Conger
- **Parishioners** — Rich and Carole Beitz, Carlin Diffee, Gretchen Filiatreau, Mary Louise Flanagan, Willodean Hastings, Tommy and Gail Hedgepeth, Ben Matthews, Shirley Phillips, Celeste Pope, Charles Richards, Bill and Anne Ross, and Liam Williams
- **Birthdays this week** — Katherine Cheshire, Sally Dabney, Taylor Laird, Rob Binkley, Grace Ann House, Josiah Salazar, and Sylvia Beavers
- **Anniversaries this week** — Fr. Chuck and Gretchen Filiatreau, Sean and Diana Neal, and Jay and Katie Beavers
- **Vestry member of the week** — Melinda Jordan, Pastoral Care
- **Family of Parishioners** — Brandi Blackwell, Bill Gay, Eddie Jordan, Tom Mullady, Bob Nailling, Scott Pipkin, Armando Psungo, Eddie and Leanna Traylor and family, Emily Traylor, Wiley Traylor, and Gary Vailes, Keesha, and Ricardo Psungo
- **Friends of Parishioners** — Katie Amato, Ann Barker, Bob Bear, the Dugie and Lowrimore families, Stan Langley, Rebecca Muncie, Danny Nowell, Chris Primeaux, and Samantha Tucker
- **Military** — Taylor Bartos, Bryan Laird, and Dalton Young

## **A COLLECT FOR COVID-19**

Almighty God, our strong tower and defense in time of trouble: We ask for your continued deliverance from the dangers associated with COVID-19, which lately have surrounded us and taken the lives of so many. In this time of fear and anxiety, we beseech you to send us your gracious gift of peace. We confess that your goodness alone has preserved us; and we ask you still to continue your mercies toward us, that we may always know and acknowledge you as our Savior and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT FOR RACIAL HEALING**

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions. Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The presider concludes with the following prayer.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The leader appointed says*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of sins.

*Silence.*

*The presider and people pray together*

**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 presider stands and says*

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we might be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The people sit.*

## **PREPARATION FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*The Officiant continues*

Hear what St. Paul says: “May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you may have strength...and know the love of Christ.”

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*The Officiant then says*

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

*Officiant and People together pray*

**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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE AGNUS DEI**

*Officiant and People together pray*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**Grant us your peace.**

## **THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*The Officiant says the following invitation*

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

*The Officiant and People together pray*

**Dear Jesus,**

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.**

**I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul,  
and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.**

**I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people,  
gathered around every altar of your Church,  
and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul.**

**Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*Silence.*

## THE ANIMA CHRISTI

*The Officiant says*

Let us pray.

*The Officiant and People together sing the “Anima Christ” of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, using the musical version composed by Alicia L. Greey (online).*

Soul of Jesus, sanctify me  
Blood of Jesus, wash me  
Passion of Jesus, comfort me  
Wounds of Jesus, hide me  
Heart of Jesus, receive me  
Spirit of Jesus, enliven me  
Goodness of Jesus, pardon me  
Beauty of Jesus, draw me

### Chorus

*Till I behold thee, unveiled  
Till I behold thee, unveiled  
Till I behold thee, unveiled  
In thy glory*

Humility of Jesus, humble me  
Peace of Jesus, pacify me  
Love of Jesus, inflame me  
Kingdom of Jesus, come to me  
Grace of Jesus, replenish me  
Mercy of Jesus, pity me  
Sanctity of Jesus, sanctify me  
Purity of Jesus, purify me

### Chorus

Cross of Jesus, bind me  
Nails of Jesus, hold me  
Cross of Jesus, bind me  
Nails of Jesus, hold me  
Cross of Jesus, bind me  
Nails of Jesus, hold me

### Chorus

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

## THE CONCLUDING SENTENCE

*The Officiant says*

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.**

**HYMN**

*“The First Noel”*

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

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.

## THE BLESSING

*All stand. The children are invited forward to help lead in the blessing.*

*Officiant* All our problems

*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Officiant* All our difficulties

*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Officiant* All the devil's works

*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Officiant* All our hopes

*People* **We set on the risen Christ.**

*Officiant* May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**