

all angels' church

The Second Sunday after Christmas



Diane Calvert, *The Visit of the Magi*

MORNING PRAYER: Rite Two
January 3, 2021, 10:00AM

Prelude

Welcome

Processional Hymn | “Angels From the Realms of Glory (Come and Worship)”

1. Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight over all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching over your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light

Chorus

*Come and worship, come and worship
Come and worship Christ, the newborn King*

3. Sinners wrung with true repentance
Doomed for guilt to endless pains
Justice now revokes the sentence
Mercy calls you break your chains

Bridge

Though an infant now we view Him
He shall fill His Father's throne
Gather all the nations to Him
Every knee shall then bow down

4. All creation join in praising
God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One

WORDS: James Montgomery MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, arr. Steven Curtis Chapman.
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Opening Acclamation

Luke 2:10-11, BCP 75

Officiant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept

**All 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.**

Officiant 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.

All Amen.

Opening Versicle

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant Alleluia. To us a child is born:

All **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Jubilate

Psalm 100, BCP 82

All **Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;**
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
 his mercy is everlasting;
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant Alleluia. To us a child is born:

All **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Psalm 84

Psalm 84:1-8, BCP 707

Lector Let us read from Psalm 84 responsively by the whole verse.

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.**

**All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25, read by Cathy Willett

Lector A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11 | The Third Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19, BCP 87

Lector Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land;
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise,
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations Will stream to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open;
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord,
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land,
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day;
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.

**All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a, read by Lisa Policano Pearson

Lector A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 20 | Gloria in excelsis

BCP 94

Lector Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn | “What Child Is This”



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with anthems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Christian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts enthrone him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

WORDS: William C. Dix MUSIC (GREENSLEEVES): English ballad, 16th cent. PUBLIC DOMAIN.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23a

Lector The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

Lector The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon | “The New Creation”

Kimberly Malone

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

**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.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Officiant Let us 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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages *(Prayed responsively)*

BCP 97

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas Day

BCP 214, read by Cathy Willett

Officiant 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.

The Collect for the Mission of the Church

BCP 100

All **Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Intercessions

CW:TS 67

Officiant Let us pray to Jesus our savior.

Christ, born in a stable,
give courage to all who are homeless.
Jesus, savior,

All **hear our prayer.**

Officiant Christ, for whom the angels sang,
give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.
Jesus, savior,

All **hear our prayer.**

Officiant Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,
give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.
Jesus, savior,

All **hear our prayer.**

Officiant Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,
give humility and wisdom to all who govern.
Jesus, savior,

All **hear our prayer.**

Officiant Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,
give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.
Jesus, savior,

All hear our prayer.

**All Jesus, savior, child of Mary,
you know us and love us,
you share our lives and hear our prayer.
Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Rev. John Schmidt

The Christmas Blessing

CW:TS 87

Officiant May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

All Amen.

Officiant May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

All Amen.

Officiant May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

All Amen.

Officiant And the blessing of God Almighty,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Recessional Hymn | “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Come to earth to take our sad - ness, He, whose glo - ries know no end;
3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - li - ver Born a child and yet a king



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeem - er, Shepherd, Friend.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art:
Leav - ing rich - es without number, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
This, the ev - er - last - ing won - der: Christ is born the Lord of all.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glorious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard PUBLIC DOMAIN

The Peace

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Call for Interest in Volunteering at All Angels' Church

The COVID-19 Task Force would love to know what you might be interested in when it comes to volunteering and being involved at All Angels' Church! Click the form link below and check any area that you may have an interest in. It should be emphasized that this is *not a commitment* to volunteer, **only a way to indicate areas of interest if a need arises**. Here's the link to the form, thank you! <https://forms.gle/VNVXv9h3Ju7KkCv49>

Psalm 91 Relief Fund

For those needing financial relief in the midst of this pandemic, our Psalm 91 relief fund is available. These funds are here to help. Apply by emailing relief@allangelschurch.com

Meal Ministry

Covid might have us down, but there's lots to celebrate - yet another baby joining the All Angels family! Jill and Ryan welcomed baby boy Francis Cruz Greco-Sears into the world on December 14th. Please help them settle into life with a baby by providing a meal! Here is the link to the registry: <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/NHOD2035>

The meals ministry is a wonderful way to periodically serve your community in times of joy and sorrow by providing meals to community members after welcoming new babies, having surgeries, or any other need. **We need more volunteers!** You will get a link to a registry as needs arise. Homemade meals are of course welcome, but delivery works too if you live far away or don't cook! This is a helpful, easy way to serve our community. Please add your name to the registry by emailing kerry.salvatierra@gmail.com

ALL ANGELS HOUSE CHURCHES & MEET-UPS

Upper West Side (1) meets Mondays in the evening on Zoom. We are singles and couples and include people newer to All Angels and people who have been around the church for 10+ years. We typically follow some sort of guided study that doesn't require much (if any) outside reading, and we intersperse topical conversations/study with spiritual practices like lectio divina, examen, extemporaneous prayer, and compline. We try to "meet" 1x a month to play and relax together as well. **Jordan Wesley and Ryan Sears**

Upper West Side (2) meets monthly, currently on Zoom. Most of our 14 members have been together for twenty years. Our age range is folks from 50yr to 90yr. so our interests and concerns are with our adult children and aging issues, either with current medical problems or aging parents. **Paul and Mary Johnson**

Upper West Side (3) is a multi-generational house church that currently meets every Wednesday evening on Zoom to study scripture, pray for each other, share our stories, highs and lows. We laugh together, weep together, love together, and try to follow Jesus more closely together. **John Wagner and Abigail Hartley**

Bergen County NJ house church is a family friendly group that meets monthly, often on the first Saturday of the month. With better weather, we've been meeting in a local park in Ridgewood, but soon we'll return to Zoom meetings. We often study a topic together over the course of a few months and fellowship together over a meal (even over Zoom). Lately we've been offering a corresponding youth conversation for the 5th -9th graders in our house church. **Kimberly Malone and Joe Solway**

Jersey City does not have a formal "house church" but a group of people meet regularly for live/Zoom church with potluck brunch on Sunday mornings and outside or on Zoom periodically for other All Angels events-related get-togethers.

Richard and Kathryn Narramore

Uptown House Church is a multi-generational and diverse group of people who live in northern Manhattan and the Bronx. Before the pandemic our structure consisted of a pot luck meal followed by prayer, compline prayer, a Bible study or book study. We met weekly from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday in Harlem. Since the pandemic, we have been meeting from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom but have had several outdoor and socially distanced gatherings. We also spend time fellowshiping with one another outside of our normal meeting time.

Jeff Mays and Yavonne Robinson

East Harlem house church meets fortnightly (every other week) on Tuesdays from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. We offer casual group meetings via Zoom focused on fellowship and prayer. **Johnathan and Johna Hansen**

Brooklyn house church meets weekly on Thursdays at 7pm. It is a multigenerational group diverse in background and work, but united in our love of God, pastoring to one another, laughter, and socially-distant picnics. We don't back away from discussing difficult topics or the occasional nerd-out, but always in the most relaxed and supportive way possible. And you don't have to live in Brooklyn to join – our in-person meeting location is on the first stop in Brooklyn of several subway lines so we're not as far away as you think! **Pam Wong**

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This service conforms to *Morning Prayer Rite II*, beginning on page 78 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary (Episcopal) and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible. Psalm texts are taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Other liturgical elements may include materials from publications including Common Worship: Times and Seasons (CW:TS). CCLI License #53025.