



The Season of Christmas  
**The Second Sunday of  
Christmas**  
**St. George's Church**  
Glenn Dale Parish  
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington  
*January 2, 2022*

*Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.*

**Prelude: *We Three Kings*, arr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)**

**Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #128 *We Three Kings***

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We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and  
Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain King for -  
Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and  
Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing,  
Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al -

foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star,. O star of won - der, star of night,  
- ev - er ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High  
sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone cold tomb.  
- le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:** Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

*All 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.**

**Song of Praise: Gloria - My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ***

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The musical score is written for two voices, likely Soprano and Alto, in a 2/4 time signature. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The light of Christ has come in - to the world. light of Christ has come in - to the world. world. The light of Christ has come come." The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end. There are also first and second endings marked with "1." and "2.".

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **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.**

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.  
Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

### **Psalms 84: 1-8**

How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

**My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;**  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
**for the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
**where she may have her young—**

a place near your altar,  
**LORD Almighty, my King and my God.**

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
**they are ever praising you.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
**whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.**

As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs;  
**the autumn rains also cover it with pools**

They go from strength to strength,  
**till each appears before God in Zion.**

Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty;  
**listen to me, God of Jacob.**

## Gospel Hymn: My Heart Sings Out # 67 *The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, verses 1 & 3*

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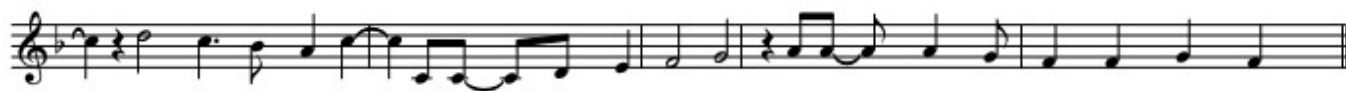
The vir - gin Mar y had a ba-by boy, The vir - gin Mar y had a ba-by boy, The  
The wise men saw where the ba-by born, The wise men saw where the ba-by born, The



vir - gin Mar y had a ba-by boy, and they say that his name was Je-sus.  
wise men went where the ba-by born, and they say that his name was Je-sus.



He come from the glo-ry, he come from the glo-rious king dom. Oh, yes! be-liev-er!



Oh, yes! be-liev-er! He come from the glo-ry, he come from the glo-rious king-dom.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Luke 2:41-52**

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord: **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## *We Believe in God*

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Tune: *BEACH SPRING; The Sacred Harp, 1844*

1. We be - lieve in God the Fath - er, God al - might - y, by whose  
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaught - er  
3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a -

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plan earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be -  
led, suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the  
9  
bove: saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and  
14  
gan. We be - lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame, vir - gin -  
dead. We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, heav - en's king to rule and reign, to the  
love. So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend, we shall

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born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spir - it came. \_\_\_\_  
Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed 'til as judge he comes a - gain. \_\_\_\_  
rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end. \_\_\_\_

## The Prayers of the People

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this season by the utterance of your Word in our flesh. May your word of compassion and reconciliation resound in us and through us. We pray saying, **God of love, receive our prayer.**

At Christmas angels proclaim your peace and goodwill to all people. In this season, strengthen all who work for peace and justice, we pray: **God of love, receive our prayer.**

At Christmas you come to us as a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw when there is no room in the inn. In this season, open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, we pray: **God of love, receive our prayer.**

At Christmas we rejoice in this time of rest and re-creation. Enrich our rejoicing and strengthen the bonds between us, especially in this time of physical separation, we pray: **God of love, receive our prayer.**

At Christmas Christians throughout the world celebrate the birth of Jesus. Unite us in one family in Christ, that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness, we pray: **God of love, receive our prayer.**

At Christmas your living Word leaps 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, especially those suffering with Covid-19, and those who care for them. We pray:

**God of love, receive our prayer.**

We remember this day all who have died. We grieve for the more than 330,000 lives lost to the pandemic in our country and for those around the world who have died, now in excess of 1.7 million. Bring peace for all who mourn, we pray: **God of love, receive our prayer.**

We pray in thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in this season, and for all of the blessings of our lives. Assist us with your grace, that we may live in true gratitude, we pray: **God of love, receive our prayer.**

Gracious God of love and light, hear these prayers we bring to you, and fulfill your purposes in us, in the name of Jesus, your incarnate Word. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Offertory**

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

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## Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #480 *When Jesus Left His Father's Throne*

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music *Kingsfold* English folk melody adapt Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
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When Je - sus left his Fa-ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth; like  
Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo-thers round him pressed, their  
When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil-dren sang a - round; for



us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth. Like  
in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed. Safe  
joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar-ments on the ground. Ho-



him may we be found be - low in wis - dom's path of peace; like  
from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye, thus  
- san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King! Should



him in grace and know-ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.  
in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.  
we for-get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them-selves would sing.

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

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

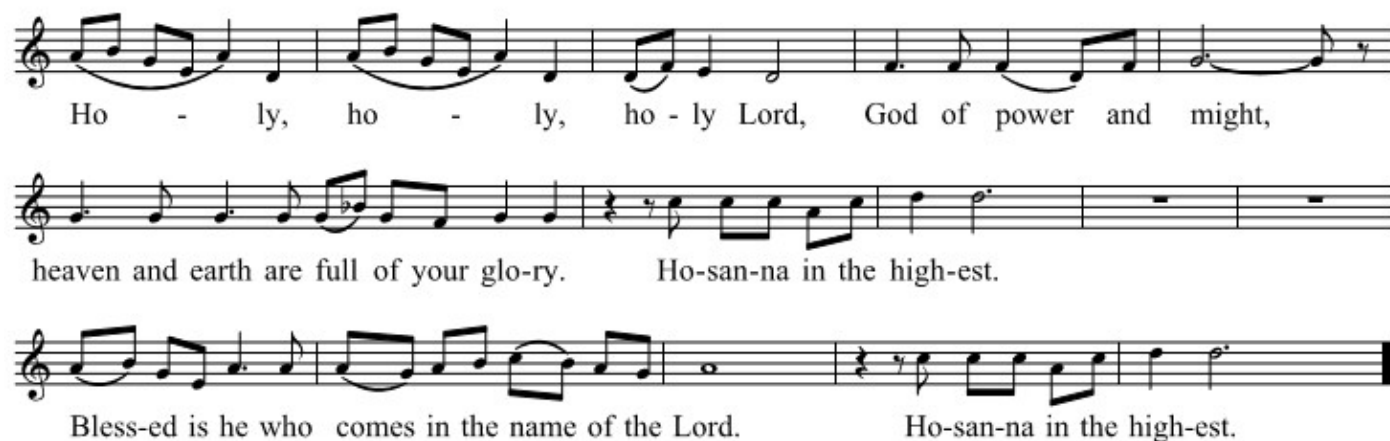
**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, our Source and Ending, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks to you! You have called all creation into being, setting the earth on its foundations. You have spread out the heavens like a tent, and set a boundary to the seas, you have filled the world with your creatures and called all things good. The heavenly beings are your messengers night and day, and with them we sing and give glory to you:

## Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 # S128

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*The Celebrant continues:*

In these latter days, God leaned toward the earth and spoke to us by a Son, Jesus the Beloved. Born of our sister Mary and the Holy Spirit, guarded by our brother Joseph with fatherly care, Jesus came among us as a baby, humbly born, cradled beside the beasts and warmed by their breath, human as we are, in need of human love.

**Yet kings bowed down before him bringing gifts, and emperors were troubled by his reign – this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.**

This Word of God made flesh and full of grace was sent to deliver us from our sin, from the power of evil and the fear of death. As a servant, Jesus emptied himself of might upon the cross, and as the risen Anointed One is enthroned at God's right hand to bring mercy and justice to all the earth at the end of days.

And so we remember how Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine and blessed and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, rejoicing in all God has done for us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Holy God, as you visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these creatures of bread and wine, making them for us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth.



**Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel – God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: And now in the Light of Christ, we 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. 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 Celebrant says*

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

**Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The bread is broken and silence is kept*

## **Fraction Anthem G247 May We Be One (refrain only)**

### **Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 May We Be One**

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus.

So as we share this feast may we be come, heal-ing and ligh and peace. May we be one.

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **The Communion**

*Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*

If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

### Communion Hymn: 1: Hymnal 1982 #115 *What Child Is This*

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What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing? Whom  
Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing? Good  
So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, pea-sant, king, to own him; the



an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
Chris-tians, fear: for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing; haste, haste to



bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma-ry.

### Communion 2: Hymnal 1982 #247 *Lully, Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child*

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Lul-ly, lul-lay, thou lit-tle tin-y child, bye-bye, lul - ly lul - lay.



O sis-ters, too, how may we do for to pre-serve this day this poor young-  
Her - od the King, in his ra - ging charg-ed he hath this day his men of  
That woe is me, poor child for thee! And ev-ery morn and day, for thy part-



- ling for whom we sing by - by, lul - ly lul - lay?  
might, in his own sight, all young chil-dren to slay.  
- ing nor say nor sing bye-bye, lul - ly lul - lay.

*Repeat Burden after verse 3*

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*All pray together:* **Mysterious God, we thank you for feeding us with yourself; and for making yourself known to us in the holy child Jesus, the Christ. Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit, that same Spirit which was in Jesus, so that that we may help bring your peace to all the earth in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth,  
bring joy to your hearts this night and always. **Amen.**

May the God of love, whose only Son to was born for you,  
fill your life with love and peace. **Amen.**

May Emmanuel, God with us, be with you in all your doings and all your celebrations,  
until he brings you into his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

And may God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: Gather #485 *City of God*

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Verses 1 2



A - wake from your slum-ber!      A - rise from your sleep!      A new day is  
We are sons of the morn-ing;      we are daugh-ters of day.      The one who has



dawn-ing for all those who weep.      The peo-ple in dark-ness have seen a great light.  
loved us has bright-ened our way.      The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be



The Lord of our long-ing has con-quired the night.  
a light for his peo-ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain



Let us build the cit-y of God.      May our tears be turned in-to danc-ing!      For the



Lord, our light and our love,      has turned the night in-to day.

Verse 3

God is light; in whom there is no dark-ness. Let us walk in the light, God's chil-dren,

one and all. O com-fort my peo-ple; make gen-tle your words. Pro-claim to my

cit-y the day of her birth. D.S.

Refrain

Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be turned in-to danc-ing! For the

Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in-to day.

Verse 4

O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your voice. Pro-claim the good tid-ings

that all my re - joice! D.S.

## Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the power and the spirit of the Incarnate Word.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude:** *Auld Lang Syne*, arr. Erik Helm

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