



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



Sunday 10:00am Service
December 27, 2020

Morning Prayer
First Sunday After Christmas
December 27, 2020

Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

Welcome and Announcements

Br. Jason Carroll

Children's Focus Please see the link to the Children's Focus at

<http://www.staug.org/worshipservices>

Opening Hymn: Hymn #154 "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

Let earth receive the King;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:

let us glad songs employ,

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrow grow,

nor thorns infest the ground;

he comes to make his blessings flow

far as our sin is found, far as our sin is found,

far, far as our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

and makes the nations prove

the glories of his righteousness

and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,

and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:18

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6, 7

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8- 9

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneel and silence is kept. The officiant and people say 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 neighbours 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 priest says, (while standing)

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

(all stand)

Officiant Lord, o - pen our lips. People And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us. People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it:

Except in Lent, add,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitatory

To us a child is born: O come, let us worship

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

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.

The Proclamation of the Word

*At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: **The Word of the Lord.***

*And the people shall respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Allison Kittleson

I delight greatly in the LORD;

my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation

and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,

as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up

and a garden causes seeds to grow,

so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise spring up before all nations.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,

for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,

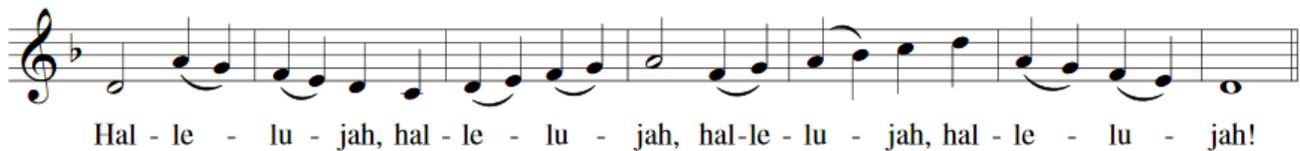
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.

²The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

³You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm 148

Joanne Collier



(* Hal-le-lujah!

Praise God from the heavens;
sing praise in the heights.
Sing praise, all angels,
sing praise, all you heavenly host. **R**

Sing praise, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
Sing praise, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens. **R**

Let them praise your name, O God;
for you commanded, and they were created.
You made them stand fast for ever and ever;
you gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**

O praise God from the earth,
You sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will; **R**

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7

Karen Larsen

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Gradual Hymn: “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40

Linda Bateman

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Anthem:

"Angel's Carol" – John Ritter

sung by Karen Hudson, Joanne Collier

(all stand)

The Apostles' Creed

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

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

(all kneeling)

Gary Moore

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We for pray the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary The Very Rev. Leighton Lee, The Rev. Helen Belcher, Canon Cyril Challice (Hon.)

The Rev. James Buenting (Hon.) In our companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. George with St. Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban on Grenada

The Ven. Michael Marshall and St. Patrick with St. Mary and St. Francis on Grenada.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our clergy and parish staff, Steve, Jason, Allan James, Wendy, Joanne, Mary Lee, Denise, Karen, Len, Michael, and Greg

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *(All kneel)*

All **Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, 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**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: 143 – Angels, from the Realms of Glory

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill the eternal throne,
Gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bown down:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.**

Dismissal

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.

Postlude

Mary Lee Voort

Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of James, David and Gladys, Shirley,
and mother Doreen

Thank you to our technical crew this morning.
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