

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84

Quam dilecta!

1 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.
2 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.
3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
5 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.
6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
[9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!]

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are by John Hopkins

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Charles Simmons
Canon Rector

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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, Form VI

BCP 392

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

This Is the Day

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Following the announcements all remain seated for the Anthem

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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.

ALL sing

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord

S130

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER LEVAS 253

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

The Celebrant then breaks the bread. A short period of silence follows.

Celebrant **C**hrist our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI *Jesus, Lamb of God* S164

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Due to COVID restrictions, we ask that you follow the directions of the Priest and Ushers. Please do not remove your masks while receiving the host; return to your seat before consuming the Eucharist. The sacrament will be distributed only in one form (bread).

COMMUNION HYMN *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* HYMN 324

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

At the end of Communion, all stand and join the Celebrant in saying

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 & DISMISSAL

HYMN IN PROCESSION *That Boy-Child of Mary*

LEVAS 25

Deacon **L**et us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



St. Philip's Episcopal Church
VILLAGE OF HARLEM, NEW YORK

A Welcoming & Vibrant Intergenerational Community

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to St. Philip's Episcopal Church in the Village of Harlem, New York. We welcome your full participation in this service. Please remember to remain in your seats only exchanging the peace by waving or giving the peace sign. Always keep your masks on properly, covering your nose and mouth. Please turn off any cell phones before the beginning of the Service.

PRELUDE

AT THE PROCESSION *Angels, from the realms of glory* HYMN 93

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant **B**lessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

GLORIA *Glory to God in the Highest* S280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant **T**he Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for you are in the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

The Right Reverend Matthew F. Heyd, *Bishop of New York*
The Rev. Canon Charles Simmons, *Canon Rector*
The Right Reverend Allen K. Shin, *Bishop Suffragan*
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