THE HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2020

**Prelude: Singing of Christmas Carols**

**Celebrant:**Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***People’s Representative:* And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: #83 “O come all ye faithful” verses 1, 6**

1. 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.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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

***People’s Representative:*** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. (Collect of the Day)

**Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10 (Read by Marcia Miller)**

**Reader:** A Reading from Isaiah.

(reads text)

(at completion of reading)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

***People’s Representative:* Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm: Psalm 98 (Led by Pandora Apodaca)**

**Leader:** Please join me in praying Psalm 98.

(Leader prays Psalm 98)

**The Gospel: John 1:1-14**

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

***People’s Representative:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

(Reader reads the gospel).

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

***People’s Representative:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily**

**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.

**Prayers of the People (Led by Beverly Simmons)**

**Leader:** In this time of struggle and of joy, of despair and of hope, of darkness and of light, we thank you, God, for bringing your Son into the world. Let his birth be for us a sign of your compassion, forgiveness, and loving kindness for your people as we pray, saying “Kyrie eleison.”

For your Church around the world, that we may all be one, united in your love, bringing your compassion and hope, your forgiveness and kindness to all people. For this, we pray.

***People’s Representative:* Kyrie eleison.**

**Leader:** For this Nation and its leaders, our President and President-Elect; our current and new Members of Congress; our State’s elected officials; for all who lead us in the fight against the pandemic we face, that we may join together under your healing power. For this, we pray.

***People’s Representative:* Kyrie eleison.**

**Leader:** For the welfare of the world, that it may unite to preserve the environment; that peoples of the world cease fighting and learn to live in your harmony; that leaders of the world be diligent in caring for the needs of the people they serve. For this, we pray.

***People’s Representative:* Kyrie eleison.**

**Leader:** For our local community, that we may reach out to one another with your love, that we may see you in all we meet; that we may see beyond our differences and disagreements. Unite us as you intend us to be united; heal us as you intend us to be healed. We pray especially for those who are sick and suffering, those facing financial stress, those in emotional or spiritual despair.

***Insert on chat those you wish the community to pray for.***

For this, we pray.

***People’s Representative:* Kyrie eleison.**

**Leader:** For all who have died during these past months from Corona-Virus 19, and for all who have died in our community including Laurie, Pete, Mateo, Juneal, Marion, Price, Gladys, Michael, Gail, Nancy Carol, Evelyn, Lenny, Arline, Jean and others we now name.

***Insert on chat the names of other loved ones who have died.***

For this, we pray.

***People’s Representative:* Kyrie eleison.**

**Concluding Collect**

**Offertory Hymn: #84 “Love came down at Christmas”**

1. Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.
2. Worship we the God-head, love incarnate, love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?
3. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine, love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

**Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP, p. 367)**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Closing Hymn: #100 “Joy to the World” (verses 1, 2, 4)**

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sign, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. 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.

**Christmas Season Blessing:**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

***People’s Representative:* Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

***People’s Representative:*  Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

***People’s Representative:* Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

***People’s Representative:* Amen.**

**Dismissal**

*Presider:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

 ***People’s Representative:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Postlude: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” by Alec Wyton**

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**Coffee Hour** *Stay online to share fellowship time and prayer. You will be assigned to a Breakout Room in Zoom.*