

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Catholic Parish

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The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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*For our virtual congregants, due to bandwidth limitations, please remain muted during the service,
but continue to respond and sing with gusto!*

An Order for Morning Prayer According to The Book of Common Prayer, 1928 ed.

Proclamation:

God Rest You Merry

Hymn 40

London Melody, 18th century



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came;
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prai - ses, All you with - in this place,



Re - mem-ber Christ our Sa - viour Was born on Christ-mas Day;
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same;
This day is born a Sa - viour Of a pure vir - gin bright,
And with true love and bro - ther-hood Each o - ther now em-brace;



To save us all from Sa - tan's power When we were gone a - stray.
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's power and might."
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Doth bring re - deem-ing grace.



O _____ ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and



joy; O _____ ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

London Carol, 18th cent.

Minister. Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A General Confession (p. 6)

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Versicles and Responses (bottom of page 7)

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. [all stand]
Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*
Minister. Praise ye the Lord.
Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.
Minister. Alleluia. Unto us a child is born; * O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Venite, exultemus Domino (Hymn 612, BCP p. 9)



O COME let us sing unto the | LORD;
 * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
 Let us come before his presence with thanks|giving;
 * and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
 For the LORD is a great | God;
 * and a great King | above all gods.
 In his hand are all the corners of the | earth;
 * and the strength of the hills | is his also.
 The sea is his and he | made it;
 * and his hands prepar|ed the dry land.
 O come let us worship and fall | down,
 * and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.
 For he is the Lord our | God;
 * and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of his hand.
 O worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness;
 * let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the | earth;
 * and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.
 Glory be to the Father and to the | Son,
 * and | to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever | shall be,
 * world | without end. *Amen.*

Psalm 65. *Te decet hymnus.* (p. 416)

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion; * and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer, * unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me: * O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: * he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; * thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, * and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea, * and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, * thou that makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; * thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water: * thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; * thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; * and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; * and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep; * the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Psalm 121. *Levavi oculos.* (p. 502)

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills; * from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the LORD, * who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; * and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD himself is thy keeper; * the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, * neither the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; * yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. [all sit]

The First Lesson

Micah 4:1-5,5:2-4

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the

strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

Te Deum laudamus (Hymn 613A, BCP p. 10).



WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to | be the Lord.

* All the earth doth worship thee, the Father | everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the | Powers therein;

* To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;

* Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty | of thy **glory**.

The glorious company of the Apostles | **praise** thee.

* The goodly fellowship of the | Prophets **praise** thee.

The noble army of Martyrs | **praise** thee.

* The holy Church throughout all the world | doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true, and | only Son;

* Also the Holy | Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of | Glory, • O Christ.

* Thou art the everlasting | Son of • the **Father**.

When thou tookest upon thee to de|liver man,

* thou didst humble thyself to be | born of • a **Virgin**.

When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness • of death,

* thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to | all **believers**.

Thou sittest at the right | hand of God,

* in the glory | of the **Father**.

We believe that thou shalt come to | be our Judge.

* We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed | with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered | with thy Saints,

* in glory | everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine | heritage.

* Govern them, and lift them | up for **ever**.

Day by day we | magni•fy thee;

* And we worship thy Name ever, | world **without** end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with|out sin.

* O Lord, have mercy upon us, have | mercy • upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our | trust • is in • thee.

* O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never | be **confounded**.

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-3 (p. 106)

THE Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Benedictus. St. Luke i. 68. (Hymnal 640/BCP p. 14)



BLESSED be the Lord God of | Israel; * for he hath visited and re|deemed • his **people**;
And hath raised up a mighty sal|vation for us, * in the house of his | servant **David**;
As he spake by the mouth of his | holy Prophets, * which have | been • since the | world began;
That we should be saved | from our enemies, * and from the hand of | all that **hate** us.
To perform the mercy promised to our | **forefathers**, * and to remember his | holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather | Abraham, * that | he would **give** us;
That we being delivered out of the | hand of • our enemies * might | serve him • **without** fear;
In holiness and righteous|ness before him, * all the | days of **our** life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet | of the Highest: * for thou shalt go before the face of the
| Lord • to pre|pare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation | unto • his people * for the re|mission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy | of our God; * whereby the day-spring from on | high hath | visit•ed us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the | shadow • of death,
* and to guide our feet | into • the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, * and | to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be, * world without | **end. Amen.**

The Gospel

St. Matthew 2:19-23 (p. 107)

WHEN Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

The Apostles' Creed (p. 15)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray. [all kneel]

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas Day (p. 106)

ALMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect for the Circumcision of Christ (p. 105)

ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; [through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*]

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, [through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*]

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer in Time of Great Sickness and Mortality

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Healing

O Almighty God, who art the giver of all health, and the aid of them that turn to thee for succour, We entreat thy strength and goodness in behalf of all thy servants who suffer illness, especially thy servants Anthony+b [Rasch], Clifford+b [Bulloch], Burton+p [Swan], Luis+p [Ronderos], Rita [Ronderos], Chris [Pike], Anne [Dempsey], Christine [Mann], Diane [Schroeder] and all within our parish and Province that they may be healed of their infirmities and strengthened in body and spirit, to thine honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Ill (from the Church of England)

O God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through Him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with thee in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Departed

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered; accept our prayers on behalf of the souls of thy servants departed, especially all those who have perished as a result of COVID-19 and violence of race and class, victims of abortion, recent Christian martyrs, and all the faithful departed of this parish, Diocese, and Jurisdiction. Grant to them an entrance into the land of light and joy, and shower them and all souls with thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Army

O Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to Donald, the President of the United States, to Gavin our Governor, to our elected officials of our local communities and in Congress, to all those recently elected to public service, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, especially Thomas our Metropolitan, Anthony and Clifford our Bishops, Fr. Paul Castellano and our brethren in the United Episcopal Church, and other Clergy of our Diocese and throughout our Church, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for All Conditions of Men.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate, especially the homeless, the unemployed, and underemployed; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving. (p. 19) [may be said in unison]

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Sermon Hymn:
Puer Nobis Nascitur

Hymn 34
From *Piae Cantiones*, 1582



1. Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre - a - tion, Came he to a
2. Cra-dled in a stall was he With sleep - y cows and ass - es; But the ve - ry
3. He - rod then with fear was filled: "A prince," he said, "in Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle
4. Now may Ma - ry's son, who came So long a - go to love us, Lead us all with



world for - lorn, The Lord of ev - 'ry na - - - - - tion.
beasts could see That he all men sur-pass - - - - - es.
boys he killed At Beth'-l'hem in his fu - - - - - ry.
hearts a - flame Un - to the joys a - bove - - - - - us.

Latin Carol, 15th cent.; Tr. O.B.C.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deacon John Yeager

Offertory Hymn:
St. Bees

Hymn 323, 2nd Tune
John B. Dykes, 1862



1. Je - sus! Name of won - drous love! Name all oth - ernames a - bove!
2. Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid - en moth - er told,
3. Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en sons of earth,
4. Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly child
5. Je - sus! on - ly Name that's giv'n Un - der all the might - y heav'n,
6. Je - sus! Name of won - drous love! Hu - man Name of God a - bove;



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty. Amen.
Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall his peo - ple save."
When the cup of hu - man woe First he tast - ed here be - low.
Where - by man, to sin en - slaved, Bursts his fet - ters and is saved.
Plead - ing on - ly this we flee, Help - less, O our God, to thee.

William Walsham How, 1854

Closing Prayers

Retiring Procession:

The First Nowell

Hymn 30

Traditional Melody, pub. 1833



1. The first — Now - ell the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - ed — up and saw — a star Shin - ing in — the
3. And by — the light of — that — same star Three — wise — men
4. This star — drew nigh to — the — north - west, O'er — Beth - le -
5. Then en - tered in those wise — men three Full — rev' - rent
6. Then let — us — all with one — ac - cord Since — prai - ses



shepherds in fields as they lay; In — fields as — they lay, keep - ing their
east — be - yond — them far, And to — the earth it — gave — great
came — from coun - try far; To — seek — for a king was their — in -
hem — it took — its rest, And there it — did both stop — and
ly — up - on — their knee, And off - ered there in — his — pre -
to — our heav'n - ly Lord; That hath — made heav'n and earth — of



sheep, On a cold win - ter's night — that was — so deep.
light, And — so it con - tin - ued both day — and night.
tent, And to fol - low the star — where - ev - er it went.
stay Right — ov - er the place — where Je - sus lay.
sence Their — gold, — and myrrh, and fran - kin - cense.
naught, And — with — his blood — man - kind — hath bought.



Now - ell, — Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,



Born is the King — of Is - ra - el. A - men.

Old English Carol

Announcements

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Sermon

Gospel

Epistle

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Accompanist

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Altar Guild

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The Reverend Deacon John Yeager

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Robert Jones

Beth Kubo

Kevin Kubo

Kira Kubo

Gretchen Martin

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

Happy Birthday: Jill Jones (7 January)

Next week, God willing, we will resume our outdoor services in the shade of the oaks on the south side of the Chapel of the Oaks near the entrance to the park. Deacon Yeager is planning to provide a Mass of the Presanctified.