THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
January 5, 2020

LESSONS AND CAROLS AND HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to this service which continues the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, in this Christmas season. A service of Lessons and Carols was first held in Truro Cathedral on Christmas Eve, 1880. The Rev. Eric Milner-White adapted this service at King’s College, Cambridge in 1918, and annual broadcasts of that service have contributed to its widespread use throughout the Anglican Communion and beyond. Throughout the service listen for the story of “the development of the loving purposes of God.”


LESSONS AND CAROLS

Hymn 102: “Once in royal David’s city” Irby, stand

The first two stanzas are sung by the Choir.
The Congregation joins in singing beginning with stanza 3.

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make St. Peter’s Church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and concord within the Church he came to build, and especially in this Diocese of Missouri, Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.
The First Lesson: Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” And to the man he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

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

Carol

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkès finden
Written in their book.

Peter Warlock (1894–1930)

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
Abeen heavenè queen.

Blessèd be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen,
Deo gracias!
The Second 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.

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

Hymn 107: “Good Christian friends, rejoice” In dulci jubilo, stand

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the
power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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

Carol: Gabriel’s Message

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

“For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.
Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“My soul shall laud and magnify His Holy Name.”
Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

– Sabine Baring-Gould

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2: 1, 3-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
The Fifth Lesson: Luke 2: 8-16
In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

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

Hymn 89: “It came upon the midnight clear”

Carol, stand

William Walton (1902–1983)

Make we joy now in this fest,
In quo Christus natus est.
Eya, Eya, Eya!

A Patre unigenitus,
Is through a maiden come to us:
Sing we of Him and say “Welcome
Veni Redemptor gencium!”

Agnoscat omne seculum,
A bright star made three kings to come,
Him for to seek with their presents,
Verbum supernum prodiens.

O lux beata Trinitas,
He lay between an ox and ass,
Beside His mother maiden free,
Gloria tibi Domine.

– 15th century
The Sixth Lesson:  

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
(2: 1-12)  

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.  

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.  

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.  

Hymn 115: “What child is this, who, laid to rest” Greensleeves  

The Collect of the Day  

Priest: The Lord be with you.  

People: And also with you.  

Priest: 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.
The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.
If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

At the Offertory, Carol

In the bleak mid-winter
   Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
   Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
   Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
   Long ago.

Our God, heav’n cannot hold him
   Nor earth sustain;
Heav’n and earth shall flee away
   When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
   A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
   Jesus Christ.

Harold Darke (1888–1976)

Enough for him, whom cherubim
   Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
   And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels
   Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
   Which adore.

What can I give him,
   Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
   I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
   I would do my part;
Yet what can I give him,
   Give my heart.

   – Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

At the Presentation, Hymn 92 (st. 1,3,4)

On this day earth shall ring
   with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
   born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.
   Ideo - o - o, Ideo - o - o,
   Ideo Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Persenent hodie, stand

God’s bright star, o’er his head,
   Wise Men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed,
   lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.
   Ideo - o - o, Ideo - o - o,
   Ideo Gloria in excelsis Deo.
On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven’s King,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.
_Ideo - o - o, Ideo - o - o,_
_Ideo Gloria in excelsis Deo._

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Carol: O little town of Bethlehem
(Hymnal S 129) H. Walford Davies (1869–1941)

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign to you: Ye shall find the Babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes,
and lying in a manger.

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav’n.
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today,
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

_Luke 2: 11–12 and Phillips Brooks_

Hymn 104: “A stable lamp is lighted” Andújar

A Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 365, kneel
The Blessing
Hymn 100: “Joy to the world! the Lord is come”

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

MUSIC NOTES: The tradition of Lessons and Carols at Christmas was developed and popularized at King’s College, Cambridge, where David Willcocks (1919–2015) was director of music from 1957 to 1974. His Prelude on “Irby” is heard immediately before the requisite processional hymn to that tune. During World War II, Harold Darke (1888–1976) deputized for Willcocks’s predecessor at King’s, Boris Ord. Darke’s In the bleak midwinter is considered by many to be among the best carols written for Christmas. • Peter Warlock (1894–1930) was a colorful figure whose real name was Philip Heseltine. His Adam lay ybounden was written in 1922, eight years before another of his popular Christmas carols, “Bethlehem Down.” • The familiar Basque carol Gabriel’s Message receives a rich, treatment from Jim Clements (b. 1983). The word “Gloria” opens the carol and is singled out for special treatment. • Make we joy now in this fest is by far the earliest of four Christmas carols written by William Walton (1902–1983), having been written before the composer was 30 years old. • The American hymn text O little town of Bethlehem has inspired various musical settings on both sides of the Atlantic. The setting by H. Walford Davies (1869–1941) begins with a recitative that imitates the writing of a Bach cantata.

The flowers and greens are given to the glory of God by parishioners, in memory and in honor of loved ones.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Gilbert, DeWayne Trainer, Cindy Kohlbry
Ushers: Mike Newport, Allan Ivie, Levi Edgerton
Acolytes: Cate Dressel, Sam King, Katie Sheehan, Tommy Sheehan, James Walters
Acolyte Master: Ann Randazzo
Altar Guild: Connie Lohr, DeWayne Trainer
Counters: Doug Adderton, Lisa Acker
PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller, Sarah Roberts and Rolla Wetzel.  
For Family and Friends: Carol Fisher and Kathy Sheehan.  
For the Faithful Departed: Phyllis Brissenden, Michael McKay, John McKinney and Scott Peterson.  
For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata.  
For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Michelle Arthur, Susan Bartlett, Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Elizabeth Clarke, Kathryn Dewein, Greg Evans, Samantha Forsko, Karen Goddard, Patty Hecker, Laney Johnson, Bob Kenny, Susan Kerkering, Madelyn Lane, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahon, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Molly Robinson, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson and Dick Williams.

TODAY…

FAMILIES – Children are always welcome in church! Childcare is available in the Little Building from 9-11:45. If your child needs a break, the service is live-streamed in the Undercroft. A baby-changing station is available in the middle Undercroft restroom.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is $5 per person or $20 per family.

RECTOR’S FORUM meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. Everyone is welcome!

THIS MORNING – Childcare, Children’s Chapel, Sunday School, Breakfast and Rector’s Forum all resume today, on the 12th day of Christmas. After the 10:30 Service of Lessons and Carols, come down to the Undercroft for a “Cookies and Cocoa” Coffee Hour; the choir may just have a caroling surprise to share! All are welcome to join in joyful fellowship.

HEALING PRAYERS – If you would like to receive healing prayers with the laying on of hands and anointing, as you leave the altar rail today after receiving Holy Communion go to Grace Chapel, where one of the clergy will be waiting for you. If you would like family members or friends to accompany you, they are welcome to participate. The ritual is brief, allowing you time to return to the church proper for the final blessing and dismissal. If you have any questions about this ministry of the Church, Luke, Joseph or Kelly would be happy to talk with you.
FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY – Thank you for your generosity for today’s “1st Sunday” food drive for the Trinity Episcopal Church food pantry.

SEARCH COMMITTEE – Sr. Warden Jeanie Davis and the Vestry are pleased to announce the following parishioners who will serve on the Rector Search Committee: Chris Knight, Chair; the Rev. Susie Skinner, Chaplain; John Bradley; Mokie Carmichael; Laurie Haffenreffer; Hedy Lee; Danny Orthwein; Charlie Peters; Susan Schettler; Rachel Sokolich and DeWayne Trainer.

**THIS WEEK…**

ST. PETER’S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter’s has a ministry that can help – that’s St. Peter’s Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

WOMAN’S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program, “Making the Case for Women Composers” by parishioner and choir member Laura Frank. Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the Elliot Room.

PRAYER GROUP – Come on Friday mornings at 10:00 for contemporary Bible Study of the Sunday readings and to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

MEN’S RETREAT – This Saturday, January 11th, the men of St. Peter’s are invited to a one-day retreat at the Marianist Retreat Center. Register at http://stpetersepiscopal.org/news/st-peters-mens-retreat/ or mail your check for $50 to the Church Office.

**UPCOMING EVENTS…**

GUEST PREACHER – Next Sunday, January 12th, we will welcome to St. Peter’s Church the Rev. Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement (publisher of Forward Day by Day) and one of the founders of Lent Madness. Scott will lead the Men’s Retreat on Saturday, and will preach at both services on Sunday.

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS – A candlelit service of music and readings will be offered next Sunday, January 12th at 5:00 p.m. Music by Vaughan Williams, William Walton, Jane Marshall, John Weaver, Nico Muhly, and David Sinden.

MEN’S BREAKFAST – Join us on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:15 a.m.

BOOK GROUP – Join us in the Elliot Room on Tuesday, January 14th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss Rules of Civility by Amor Towles. All are welcome.
SAVE THESE DATES! Please plan to join in celebrating our Rector’s ministry among us with two special events:

**Friday, January 31st:** A celebratory evening at the Deer Creek Club. Look for your invitation to arrive in the mail soon!

**Sunday February 9th:** A parish lunch for all ages following the 10:30 worship service. Both celebrations will be wonderful opportunities to thank Luke for all he has done with and for us at St. Peter’s!

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