



Second Sunday after Christmas

St. Augustine Parkland Anglican Church
131 Church Road
Spruce Grove Alberta

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service, January 2nd, 2022

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What Child Is This - CP 137 (Pre-Service Hymn)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Worship the Lord in the Beauty - CP 385

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness; high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
People to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.

Glory to God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
People and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Please join me in today's Collect,
All: God of power and life,
the glory of all who believe in you,
fill the world with your splendour
and show the nations the light of your truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading (Ian)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM - Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun - CP 383

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Second Reading (Marion)

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Wise Men, They Came to Look - CP 161

Wise men, they came to look for wisdom, finding one wiser than they knew;
rich men, they met with one yet richer - King of the kings, they knelt to you:
Jesus, our wisdom from above, wealth and redemption, life and love.

Pilgrims they were, from unknown countries, searching for one who knows the world;
lost are their names and strange their journeys, famed is their zeal to find the child:
Jesus, in you the lost are claimed, aliens are found and known and named.

Magi, they stooped to see your splendour, led by a star to light supreme;
promised Messiah, Lord eternal, glory and peace are in your name.
Joy of each day, our song by night, shine on our path your holy light.

Guests of their God, they opened treasures - incense and gold and solemn myrrh;
welcoming one too young to question how came these gifts, and what they were.
Gifts beyond price of gold or gem, make among us your Bethlehem.

Gospel

Reader THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

People Glory to you Lord Jesus 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**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.**

The Prayers of the People (Paula)

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant invites people to confession in these are similar words

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.**

Celebrant says,

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: **And also with you.**

As With Gladness Men of Old - CP 160

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare,
so may we with joyful song, raising voices pure and strong,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ to thee our heavenly king.

In the heavenly country bright need they no created light:
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing alleluias to our king.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Please join me in the prayer over the gifts,

All: Source of love and life,
receive all we offer you this day,
and through the coming of your Son,
help us to see in others
him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

People **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The First Nowell - CP 139

The first nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest; o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who has made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood salvation bought.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Please join with me in the prayer after communion.

All: **Light eternal,
you have nourished us in the mystery**

of the body and blood of your Son.
By your grace keep us ever faithful to your word,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

All People That on Earth Do Dwell - CP 349

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- We pray for Metropolitan Greg, Primate Linda, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Father Neil, Rev. John and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Yukon: the Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Bishop. Holy Trinity Riverbend: Rebecca Harris, Priest-in-Charge; Elisabeth Thompson, Honorary Assistant. Buyé Diocese Bible School: Daniel Bizimana, Director; Alfred Uwimanihayé, Teacher. Cold Lake First Nations.
- in the world Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.
- We pray for the sick, the bereaved and those with special needs, especially remembering Linda & Joe, Bill, George & Doreen, Margaret, Stephen, Bud, Vicki, Maxine, and Lauren.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Allan & Wendy, Myrna, Greg & Eileen, Lynn, Mary Louise; and their families.