



The Episcopal Diocese of Iowa  
Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day  
Friday, December 25, 2020 10:00am

*This morning's worship is offered by St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Des Moines.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

*The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe*

**HYMN 87**

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn

St. 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;

*Refrain*

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

St. 2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Only begotten Son of the Father;

*Refrain*

St. 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest.

*Refrain*

St. 6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 93 (St. 1 & 2)**

*Angels from the realms of Glory*

Regent Square

St. 1 Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight over all the earth;  
Ye, who sang Creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ the newborn King.

St. 2 Shepherds in the fields abiding watching over your flocks by night,  
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the Infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ the newborn King.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

FIRST READING: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

[52:7-10]

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

### PSALM 98

*Cantate Domino*

#### REFRAIN



Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;



lift up your voice, re-joice, and sing.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,\*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm\*  
he has won for himself the victory.

#### [Refrain]

- 3 The Lord has made know his victory;\*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**[Refrain]**

5 Shout out with joy to the Lord, all you lands;\*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,\*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn\*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**[Refrain]**

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,\*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands,\*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

**[Refrain]**

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter to the Hebrews [1:1-12]

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**HYMN 81**

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

Es ist ein Ros

St. 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

St. 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

St. 3 O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;  
True man, yet very God, from Sin and death now save us,  
And share our every load.

### **GOSPEL: John 1:1-4**

*All stand.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

### **THE SERMON**

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### **THE CREED**

*All stand.*

**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 II

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Alan; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Silence*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

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## The Great Thanksgiving

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## HYMN 107

*Good Christian friends, rejoice*

In Dulci Jubilo

- St. 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
- St. 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
- St. 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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