

December 27 Bulletin

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The First Sunday after Christmas

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Prelude

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Matt Chapman

*The congregation is invited to say the words together **in bold**. Please sing along with us! To prepare for worship, you may want to place your advent wreath, or three candles, to light during the opening prayer.*

Welcome

The ushers and the rector welcome the congregation. If you are new to us, consider filling out our ["get connected"](#) form, let us get to know you better.

Gloria



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria___ en - las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,___ glo - ry to God___ on high

y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-qué-llos___ que a-ma el Se - ñor._____
and on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.

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Opening Sentences

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. —*Revelation 21:3*

O God, open thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Presider reads ancient prayers that signify our longing for Christ's coming, and the coming of God's reign as we light an additional candle each week during Advent. You are invited to light your wreath with us (or any candle).

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Go Tell It On The Mountain *Traditional*

Guest Musician: Brooke Myers with Bria Jones

Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born. **Fine**

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

D.C.
1. Be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shown a ho - ly light. —
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sav - ior's birth. —
3. And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. —

The Readings

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Following an ancient pattern originally from Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set calendar for what will be read when.

THE FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (Isaiah 61:10-62:3)

I surely rejoice in the Lord;
my heart is joyful because of my God,
because he has clothed me with clothes of victory,
wrapped me in a robe of righteousness
like a bridegroom in a priestly crown,
and like a bride adorned in jewelry.
As the earth puts out its growth,
and as a garden grows its seeds,
so the Lord God will grow righteousness and praise before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I won't keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I won't sit still
until her righteousness shines out like a light,
and her salvation blazes like a torch.
Nations will see your righteousness,
all kings your glory.
You will be called by a new name,
which the Lord's own mouth will determine.
You will be a splendid garland in the Lord's hand,
a royal turban in the palm of God's hand.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE PSALM (PSALM 147)

Saint Helena Psalter

Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to you, O God;
how pleasant it is to honor you with praise!

For you rebuild Jerusalem
and gather the exiles of Israel.

You heal the brokenhearted

and bind up their wounds.

You count the number of the stars
and call them all by their names.

Great are you and mighty in power;
there is no limit to your wisdom.

You lift up the lowly,
but cast the wicked to the ground.

We sing to you, Most High, with thanksgiving;
we make music to you upon the harp,

For you cover the heavens with clouds
and prepare rain for the earth;

You make grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve humankind.

You provide food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry.

You are not impressed by the might of a horse;
you have no pleasure in human strength;

But you have pleasure in those who fear you,
in those who await your gracious favor.

Worship God, O Jerusalem;
praise your Sovereign, O Zion;

For the Holy One has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.

Peace has been established on your borders;
you are satisfied with the finest wheat.

You send out your command to the earth,
and your word runs very swiftly.

You give snow like wool
and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.

You scatter your hail like bread crumbs;
who can stand against your cold?

You send forth your word and melt them;
you blow with your wind and the waters flow.

You declare your word to Jacob,
your statutes and your judgments to Israel.

You have not done so to any other nation;
to them you have not revealed your judgments. Alleluia!

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John (John 1:1-18)
Glory to You, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
The Word was with God in the beginning.
Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.
What came into being
through the Word was life,
and the life was the light for all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

The true light that shines on all people
was coming into the world.
The light was in the world,
and the world came into being through the light,
but the world didn't recognize the light.
The light came to his own people,
and his own people didn't welcome him.
But those who did welcome him,
those who believed in his name,
he authorized to become God's children,
born not from blood
nor from human desire or passion,
but born from God.
The Word became flesh

and made his home among us.
We have seen his glory,
glory like that of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

John testified about him, crying out, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is greater than me because he existed before me.'"

From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace;
as the Law was given through Moses,
so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God.
God the only Son,
who is at the Father's side,
has made God known.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Mike Angell

Anthem:

Winter Carol
Juliet Jackson

Announcements:

Announcements are shared

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The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the way Christ taught us, and in the language of our hearts.

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.

Concluding Prayers

The ancient prayer of Saint Chrysostom is followed by a Christmas Prayer.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Amen.

The Peace

The Peace is then exchanged.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace is then exchanged. Consider sending a text, a message on Facebook, or even writing a letter or email to someone who could use some peace.

Concluding Hymn:

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 repeat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

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The Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Let us Bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Service Leaders

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The second part of the closing prayers are adapted from Common Worship from the Church of England.