

January 2, 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday after Christmas  
10 am Holy Communion with Bishop John Thornton  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR



**Prelude**

**Processional: Hymn 60** (*blue hymnal*) "Creator of the Stars at Night" Verses 1-4

**Presider:** Alleluia. Christ is Risen  
**Celebrants:** *The Lord is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia.*

**The Collect for purity:** (*Presider and celebrants together*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

**Gloria** (*let us sing together*) - (Red prayer book BCP, P. 356)

**The Collect for today** (*Presider and celebrants*): 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 Liturgy of the Scriptures**

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

- Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People
- Thanks be to God

**Psalm 84** (*we will use simplified Anglican Chant as during Advent*)

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs. \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height. \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room. \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts. \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew 2:1-12**

- 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.

### **This is the gospel of the Lord**

- *Praise to you Lord Christ*

**Hymn 508 (blue hymnal)** "Breathe on me, Breath of God" verses 1-4

**Sermon**

**Bishop +John S. Thornton**

**Creed (say together): Jesus Christ is Lord**

**Prayers of the People, a special form by** John Baillie from *A Diary of Private Prayer* (1936),

Jesus Christ said, Do not lay up for yourselves treasure on earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven

*O God, incline our hearts to follow in this way.*

Jesus Christ said, Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

*O God, incline our hearts to follow in this way.*

Jesus Christ said, Do good and lend, hoping for nothing in return.

*O God, incline our hearts to follow in this way.*

Jesus Christ said, Love your enemies.

*O God, incline our hearts to follow in this way.*

Jesus Christ said, Watch and pray, that you do not enter into temptation.

*O God, incline our hearts to follow in this way.*

Jesus Christ said, Fear not, only believe.

*O God, incline our hearts to follow in this way,*

Jesus Christ said, Except your turn again and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

*O God, incline our hearts to follow in this way.*

Jesus Christ said, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.

*O God, incline our hearts to follow in this way.*

**The Peace**

*(please stay in your pew)*

**The Peace of the Lord be always with you.**

*And also with you.*

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** (front cover of the red prayer book)

**Announcements**

**Offertory Music Interlude**  
**The Liturgy of The Lord's Supper**  
Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367

Presider      The Lord be with you.

**Celebrants**      *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.  
**Celebrants** *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**Celebrants** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Celebrant and People (*Let us sing together to the **tune** Hymn # 304*)

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 Blessed 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,  
*Celebrant and People say together*

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

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon this gift that it may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ. 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 the Blessed Mary and Martin 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, O God, now and for ever, **AMEN.**

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

**Lord's Prayer** (*let us sing together*)  
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
Are yours now and forever. **Amen. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(Note: *We are not yet using the common cup; the bread alone is considered a full Eucharist.*)

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

### ***Communion Music Interlude***

### **Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (BCP p. 365)** (*please say together*)

Eternal God, 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. 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.**

### **Blessings**

**Concluding Hymn 711** (*blue hymnal*) "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (*both verses*)

### **Dismissal:**

**Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia*