



The Second Sunday of Christmas—Jan. 3, 2010

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion Setting Six

The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us. If this your first visit here, please fill out the large white welcome card on the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune in continuous fashion at the head of the center aisle. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray.

Please join us after church downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Gathering

PIANO

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Randall Hartsell

Stand, as able

THE ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. ☩ **Amen**

☞ Amidst the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome the light of God's forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

☩ **Forgive our lack of faith and trust in your will.**

☞ Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

☩ **Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

☞ The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

☩ **Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

☞ The magi followed the star to find the Savior of the nations.

☩ **Forgive our reluctance to seek you with all our hearts.**

☞ The angel said, you shall call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins. With great joy, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ☩ **Amen**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN He Came Down

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . . be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

THE FIRST READING

Sirach 24: 1-12

The figure of Wisdom played a major role in early discussions about the person and work of Christ. Wisdom is the divine word, coming from the mouth of God, and ruling over all of creation. Wisdom, created at the beginning of time, made her dwelling place in Jerusalem among God's people.

Ⓐ A reading from Wisdom.

THE PRAISE OF WISDOM

Wisdom praises herself,

and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

²In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,
and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:

³"I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
and covered the earth like a mist.

⁴I dwelt in the highest heavens,
and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.

⁵Alone I compassed the vault of heaven
and traversed the depths of the abyss.

⁶Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,
and over every people and nation I have held sway.

⁷Among all these I sought a resting place;
in whose territory should I abide?

⁸"Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,
and my Creator chose the place for my tent.
He said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob,
and in Israel receive your inheritance.'

⁹Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.

¹⁰In the holy tent I ministered before him,
and so I was established in Zion.

¹¹Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place,
and in Jerusalem was my domain.

¹²I took root in an honored people,
in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

Ⓐ The word of the Lord. ⓐ **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

Sung responsively

We sing, O LORD, to your ho - ly Name.

Ⓐ ¹⁵A holy people and | blameless race
wisdom delivered from a nation | of oppressors.

ⓐ ¹⁶**She entered the soul of a servant of | the Lord,
and withstood dread kings with won- | ders and signs.**

¹⁷She gave to holy people the reward | of their labors;
she guided them along a | marvelous way,

^{17b}**and became a shelter to | them by day,
and a starry flame | through the night.** ⓑ

¹⁸She brought them over the | Red Sea,
and led them | through deep waters;

¹⁹**but she | drowned their enemies,
and cast them up from the depth | of the sea.**

²⁰Therefore the righteous plundered | the ungodly;
they sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name,
and praised with one accord your de- | fending hand;

²¹**for wisdom opened the mouths of those | who were mute,
and made the tongues of in- | fants speak clearly.** ⓑ

WE GATHER PARTICIPANTS FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1: 3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

A A reading from Ephesians:

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

A The word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

Stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Choir: Repeat Alleluia
 All the ends | of the earth* have seen the victory | of our God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1: 10-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

P ¹⁰[The Word] was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and

his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

☩ The Gospel of the Lord. ☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

S/t

THE SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Cold December Flies Away

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THE NICENE CREED

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☩ **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

A Lord, in your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.

Sit

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE SOLO

The Perfect Tree

Boltz-Millikan

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

Stand

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

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Meal

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you,

G **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

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THE HOLY

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THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☞ Holy God, ...both now and forever. ☞ **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER Right Column Page 173, front of hymnal

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD Page 174, front of hymnal

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness #733

What Feast of Love #487

Sending

Stand

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☞ The body and blood ... keep you in his grace. ☞ **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Now, Lord #200

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Page 174, front of hymnal

☞ Radiant God, ... in Jesus Christ our Savior. ☞ **Amen**

THE PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☞ **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. ☞ Peace be with you.

THE BENEDICTION

☞ The Lord bless you ... and ✠ give you peace. ☞ **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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☞ Go in peace. Christ is with you. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN Love Has Come arr. Randall Hartsell

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, January 9, 2010

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England.

He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

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IN NEED OF PRAYER

Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

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