

CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



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with God and one another

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the local and global community

December 26, 2021

10:00 AM

The First Sunday After Christmas Day

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A Festival of Five Lessons and Carols

Prelude

Still, Still Still
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Paul Manz

Welcome

✠ *All stand, as they are able, as the bell tolls.*

Processional Hymn 87

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

Bidding Prayer

We have come together as the family of God to celebrate the great Twelve Days of Christmas. In this service we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols.

As we gather together in the name of Christ, we pray for the world he came to save:

For the Church, that it may be enabled in our generation to surrender anew to God's holy Wisdom, and bear the good news of God's love to a needy world;

For the world, which is already Christ's, that all its peoples may recognize their responsibility for its future, and may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere;

For all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful and the bereaved, that the peace and light of the Christ-child may bring hope and healing to all who sit in darkness.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

✠ *Silence is kept. Stand or kneel.*

Lord of grace and truth,

We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Savior was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:
Forgive and heal us.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Word of God

✠ *The people sit.*

First Reading:

Isaiah 9:2,6,7

The prophecy of the Messiah's birth

CAROL 78, vv. 1 and 5

O little town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

Collect

Lord our God, on the first day of creation you made the light that scatters all darkness. Let Christ, the light of lights, hidden from all eternity, shine at last on your people and free us from the darkness of sin. Fill our lives with joy as we go out to welcome your Son at his coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

Second Reading:

Luke 1:26-38

The Annunciation to Mary

Collect

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised Saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

Third Reading:

Luke 2:1-7

The birth of Jesus

CAROL 101

Away in a manger

Cradle Song

Collect

Holy Jesus, to deliver us from the power of darkness you humbled yourself to be born among us and were laid in a manger. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at last to the joyful vision of your beauty, for you are now alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

Forth Reading:

Matthew 2:1-11

Wise men are led by the star to Jesus

CAROL 128, v. 1

We three kings

Three Kings of Orient

Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

Fifth Reading:

John 1:1-14

The Incarnation of the Word of God

Collect

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

✠ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music

What Child Is This

Paul Manz

✠ *The people stand, as they are able.*

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

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:

Presider 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 kneel or stand, as they are able.*

The Presider 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,

Presider and People

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

The Presider 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 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.

People **AMEN.**

The Presider continues

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

People and Presider

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

✠ *The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

✠ *A period of silence is kept.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those seated in the side sections please come forward for communion beginning with the front pews using the diagonal aisles and returning by the outside of those sections. Those seated in the center sections please come forward beginning with the back pews using the center aisle and returning to their seats using the diagonal aisles.

Communion is received standing. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available).

Please take the wafer back to your pew and consume it then. (We thus avoid multiple persons removing their masks in the same location). If you are using a cane or walker, you may consume the bread as you receive it, so as not to impair walking back to your seat.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy.

Prayers after Communion ☩ *The people kneel or stand, as they are able.*

Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless:

Jesus, Savior,

Hear our prayer.

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep:

Jesus, Savior,

Hear our prayer.

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed:

Jesus, Savior,

Hear our prayer.

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern:

Jesus, Savior,

Hear our prayer.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you:

Jesus, Savior,

Hear our prayer.

Blessing

May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the Godbearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 100, vv. 1 and 4

Joy to the world

Antioch

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Joy to the World

J. Wayne Kerr

This service has been published by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). The RSCM Carol Service has been devised by Tim Ruffer, the RSCM's Head of Publishing and The Rev. Peter Moger, the Church of England's National Worship Development Officer. The new service provides an alternative choice to the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols first drawn up by Bishop Edward Benson of Truro, later to be adopted by the Dean of King's College Chapel, Cambridge in 1918.

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Presider/Presider: The Rev. Mark B. Pendleton

Lector at 8:00 a.m. Dick Ingram

Lectors at 10:00 a.m.

(1) Danielle Larson-Clark

(2) Lucia Savage

(3)

(4)

(5)

Welcome Team/Usher:

Live Streaming Tech: Leslie Pendleton

Flower Delivery: Ann Malconian

Altar Flowers given: In Memory of Richard Thomas Marshall by Janet Marshall and
Phyllis Jean Pierce by Danielle Larson-Clark

No Sunday School today or next Sunday, January 2.

Healing team is available to offer healing prayers during the Eucharist, at the side of the church.

Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

Prayer Concerns: If you wish for continued prayer, please notify the church office. (Names are updated month

The flowers and poinsettia plants are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of departed family and friends including:

Given By:	In Memory of:
Dick & Sue Ingram	Don & Jane Palmer, Elmer & Dottie Dalrymple.
Tom & Mimi Adams	Anne Adams Masalsky.
Martha & Michael LaPerle	Nancy M. Alward, Nancy Roberts.
Betty Wescott	Harvey M. Wescott, III; Harvey M. Wescott, Jr.
Kent & Cathy Hammon	Lonnie & Ann Hammon, Jack & Evelyn Stoltz.
Lang Plumer	Karen Plumer.
George & Linzee Bagge	George A. Bagge, Loring & Katinka Coleman.
Greg Brackett	Family, Friends & Loved ones.
David & Susan Camlin	Andy & Kim Camlin, Reg & Margaret Smith, Michael W. Gallagher
Toy Fountain & John Maull	Loved ones of the Maull Fountain Family & all those who suffered during our time of covid.
Danielle Larson-Clark	Phyllis Jean Pierce.
The Faria Family	Allyson Elizabeth Mullen, Walton & Priscilla Ross, Paul Ducharme, Patrick M. D'Agostino, Madalena Machado, Olimpo & Ana DaSilva, Joaquim & Amelia Faria.
Becky Moore	Roger Moore, Robert & Nelia Goff, Flohill & George McCully.
Barbara & Jim Cutting	Michael Cutting, Jane Cutting, Barbara Randall, Andrea Nelson, James Lyons Sullivan, Janet Carrier.
Jennifer Murray	Jim & Seiko Shields.
Brenda Schrempf	Loved ones of the Schrempf family.
DiPalermo Family	Ben DiPalermo, Donald Thacker
Caren Schubart	Rick Schubart
Hays Family	Eden McGurk, Patricia Bottomley

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