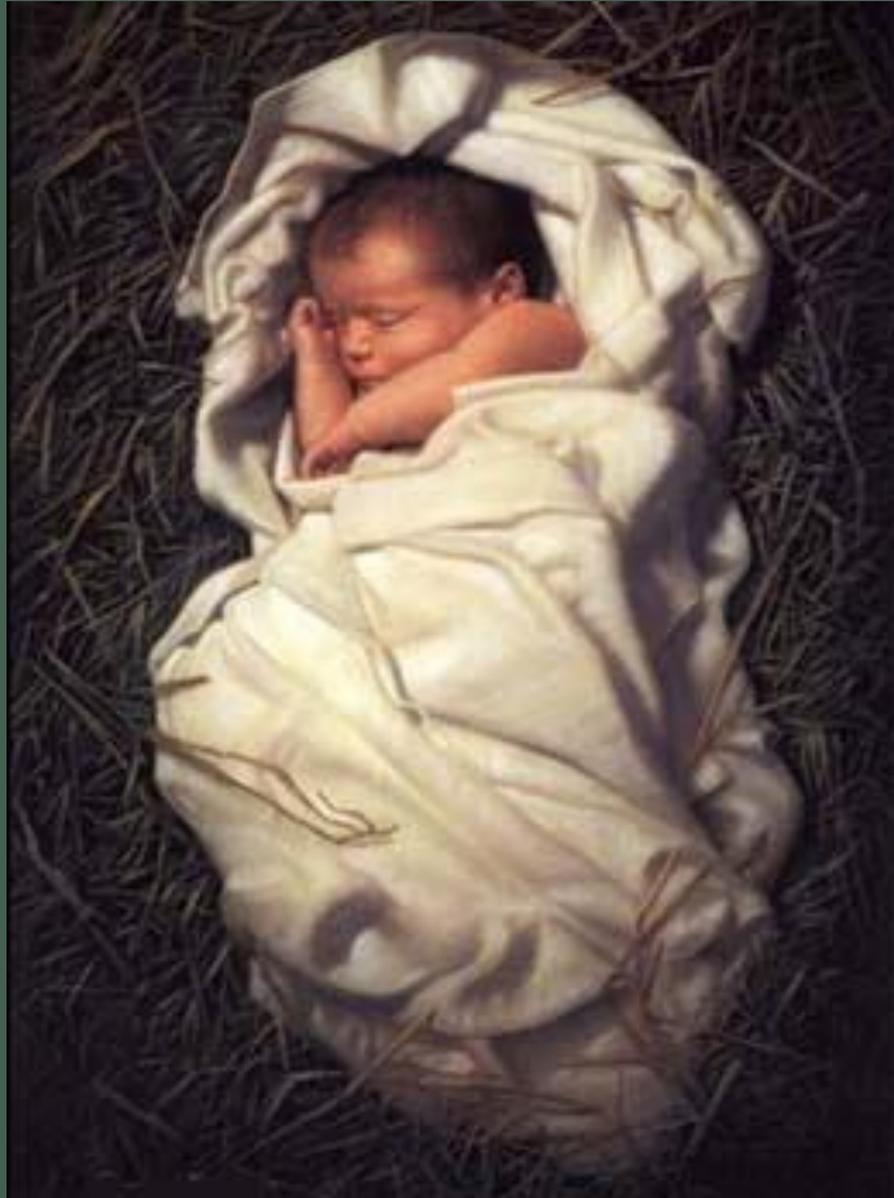


# Morning Prayer The Second Sunday of Christmas

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# Prelude

In the Bleak  
Mid-Winter

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# Opening Sentence      BCP 75

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.    (Luke 2:10, 11)

# Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***All say together:***

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power  
of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

# Invitatory Psalm

BCP 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

*People:* and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People:*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.*

Antiphon

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

*People: Come let us adore him.*

# Venite Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

*let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

*and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

For the Lord is a great God, \*

*and a great King above all gods.*

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

*and the heights of the hills are his also.*

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

*and his hands have molded the dry land.*

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

*and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep  
of his hand. \*

*Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

*The mercy of the Lord is everlasting;*

*Come let us adore him*

# Psalm 84

# Quam dilecta

BCP 707

- 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!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*

## First Lesson

## 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

Canticle 15    The Song of Mary ~ Magnificat  
Luke 1:46-55    BCP 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

*for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

*the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.*

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

*in every generation.*

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

*he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
*and has lifted up the lowly.*

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
*and the rich he has sent away empty.*

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
*for he has remembered his promise of mercy,*

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
*to Abraham and his children for ever.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \**  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*

## Second Lesson

## Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

# Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb ~Dignus es (Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13) BCP 93

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.



# Reflection

“Do not waste time bothering whether you “love” your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone you will presently come to love him.” – C. S. Lewis

# Apostles' Creed

BCP 120

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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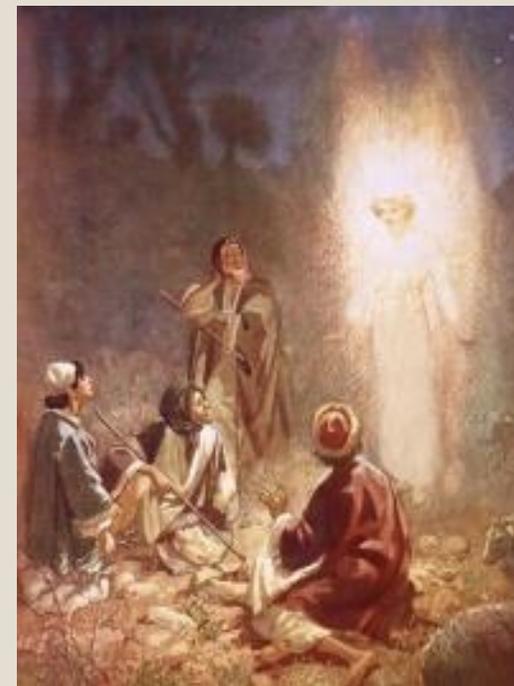
The first Nowell, the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields  
as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

2

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
an so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

## Interval Music

The First Nowell  
Hymnal, #109



3

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

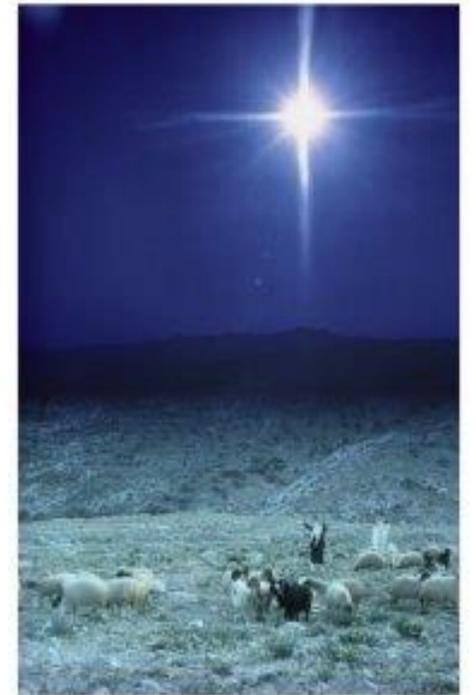
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This star drew night to the north-west  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

## Interval Music

The First Nowell  
Hymnal, #109



5

Then entered in those wise men three  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

6

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his bloods our life hath bought.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

## Interval Music

### The First Nowell Hymnal, #109



# Suffrages A

BCP 97

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

# The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

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.

## Collect of the Day

BCP 395

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.**

## Collect for Sunday

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Collect of Epiphany

BCP 214

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.**

# Prayers of the People Form IV

BCP 388

Officiant

Let us pray for the Church and for the world: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Bishop; Bishops Ruben and Mauricio of our companion dioceses; and Evelyn, our Rector.

We pray for the staff and people of Trinity, Bloomington, The Rev. Matthew Seddon, The Venerable Connie Pepler.

We offer our prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving, especially for our friends Patricia Danda and Jon Uithol.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the leaders and people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. I ask your prayers for Donald our President and Joe our President-Elect.

You have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

We pray for peace in all places of conflict, within our homes and communities, within our nation, and among the nations. We pray for the victims of hunger and oppression, civil unrest, war, and natural disasters. We pray especially for those affected by infectious diseases, including influenza and the corona virus.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all who enter this holy space and all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for our families, for those who are present and those who are absent. We ask your healing in our relationships where it is needed, and we thank you for all the good things we are able to share.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Milly, Trish, Dante, Darryl, David, Valerie, Carolyn, Jerome, Abigail, Sandy, Robin, Brenda, John, Ruth, Julie, Jeff, Barbi, Larry, Mary Ann, Morgan and others we now name, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Virginia Kessler, who died in 2014, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Comfort those who mourn.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***



## Concluding Collect

BCP 395

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
***Amen.***

# General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.**

## Grace

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** (Ephesians 3:20,21)



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# Postlude

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