



THE CHILD GREW AND
BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH
WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

Luke 2:40

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*

– Trad. German Carol, 15th c. / Arr. Rouse

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

Leader: Who are these angels who come to earth,

Cong.: bearing the news of the Christ child's birth?

L: Who are these shepherds who run to see,

C: and worship the babe on bended knee?

L: Who is this child, so small, so slight,

C: of whom the angels sang that night?

L: Who is this king, a manger his throne,

C: who humbles himself to make us his own?

L: Who is this God who sends a Son

C: into our midst, the promised one?

CAROL Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!**

GREETING

- L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C:** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you wonderfully created
the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully
restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the
one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

L: The first reading is from the book of Isaiah.

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.

² The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

³ You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

L: Please let us read together Psalm 111.

¹ Praise the LORD.

**I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

**² Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

**³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

**⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.**

**⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**

**⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

**⁸ They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

**⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.**

**¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good
understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

L: The second reading is from Galatians, the 4th chapter.

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22-40

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of

Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

CAROL The First Noel

**The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain:

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]**

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 into hell.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

CAROL Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. [Refrain]**

**The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing –
Mendelssohn/Rouse*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday after Christmas

1 Kings 3:4-15, Psalm 119:97-104, Ephesians 1:3-14, Luke 2:40-52



Altar Flowers

*The altar flowers this morning are given
to the Glory of God and in memory of
Audrey Pitchko by Audrey Lott.*